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To His Royal Highness Field Marshal Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, K.G., K.T., etc., etc., etc., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

The undersigned has the honour to lay before Your Excellency the report on Manitoba Water-powers by the Engineers of the Dominion Water Power Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. ROCHE,

Minister of the Interior.

OTTAWA, February 12, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OTTAWA, February 12, 1914.

The Honourable WM. J. ROCHE,

Minister of the Interior.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the report on Manitoba Water-powers by the Engineers of the Dominion Water Power Branch, and to recommend that it be published.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

WATER POWER BRANCH,

OTTAWA, February 12, 1914.

W. W. CORY, Esq., C.M.G.,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

SIR,—I beg to submit herewith the report on Manitoba Water-powers by the Engineers of the Dominion Water Power Branch, and would recommend that it be published, and that a sufficient number of copies be printed to permit of being widely distributed among those interested in the question of water development in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHALLIES,

Superintendent of Water Power Branch.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WATER POWER BRANCH,
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OTTAWA, December 12, 1913.

To His Honour, Judge H. A. ROBSON,
Public Utilities Commission, Winnipeg.

Sir,—By direction of the Honourable W. J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, I beg to submit the following report respecting the physical features of the water-powers within the province of Manitoba, which you have requested to be prepared by the engineers of the Water Power Branch, who have been making a systematic study of water-power and stream flows throughout the province.

In brief, the report shows that the power possibilities of the smaller rivers of the province are limited and of local importance only. The main sources of dependable power in commercial quantities are: The Winnipeg river, Grand rapids on the Saskatchewan river, and the large rivers of the north, including the Churchill, Nelson and Berens.

The power possibilities of the far northern rivers are enormous, and will surely be of great moment in the future development of Manitoba's hinterland. Little is known of these northern rivers—and results from reconnaissance surveys only—however, there are sufficient reliable data to indicate that enormous amounts of dependable power, feasible of development, simply awaits a market to be harnessed.

Fortunately the drainage basins of the Winnipeg and the English rivers, lying within easy transmission distance of the present commercial centres of Manitoba, can furnish sufficient hydro-electric energy to meet any anticipated power requirements of the present settled portions of the province.

The increase in efficiency of electrical machinery, the greater distance to which energy can be transmitted, the advance generally in the electrical industry, the already great and ever-increasing cost of good steam coal (a matter of special importance to Manitoba), all tend to make the development of dependable water-power in the province of Manitoba unusually attractive.

Furthermore, the constant growing demand for hydro-electric energy for manufacturing, transportation and municipal purposes in and around the city of Winnipeg, has made the question of power development on the Winnipeg river one of the most important administrative matters occupying the attention of the Department of the Interior.

Fortunately, a well-considered and cautious policy of water-power administration has been determined upon, and regulations put into force (see chapter 9) which afford every reasonable protection to the public in the way of limited grants, rentals and control of rates, both subject to periodic revision, and at the same time providing sufficiently attractive opportunities for investment to actively interest the capitalist.

Consistent with the policy of the Dominion Government, the Minister of the Interior has instructed that all vacant Dominion land contiguous to power sites on

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the Winnipeg river, or any other river in Manitoba, be reserved for disposition only under the water-power regulations referred to.

It was early found necessary, in connection with the consideration of sundry applications for power privileges on the Winnipeg river in Manitoba, for the Water Power Branch to have extensive power and storage studies made of that portion of the Winnipeg river within the province of Manitoba. These investigations show that eight distinct power sites, by means of storage easily and cheaply accomplished at the Lake of the Woods, at Lac Seul and other lakes in the province of Ontario, it is possible and economically feasible to develop over 100,000 continuous 24-hour horse-power, all within eighty miles of the city of Winnipeg and within feasible transmission distance of all commercial centres of the present settled portions of the province.

Of the eight possible power sites on the Winnipeg river, there are three now under development, representing a total power capacity of 159,000 24-hour horse-power. One site is completely developed by the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company on the Pinawa channel, and produces about 26,500 horse-power under most favourable conditions. Another site at Portage la Poudre falls, developed by the city of Winnipeg, produces at the present time about 20,800 horse-power, but is capable of extensions to a maximum of 77,000 24-hour horse-power. Development at the third power site at Great falls, having a maximum possible development of 95,500 24-hour horse-power, is about to be commenced.

There is, therefore, at the present time about 47,300 horse-power produced on the Winnipeg river, and transmitted for use in and around the city of Winnipeg, which can, with the two present plants, be increased to 103,500 24-hour horse-power.

The five remaining power sites on the Winnipeg river are under the control of the Dominion Government, and can furnish a further amount of 24-hour power to a maximum extent of 219,700 horse-power.

In addition, there are several important power sites on the Winnipeg and English rivers within the province of Ontario, which are within easy transmission distance of Winnipeg.

Such this abundance of dependable and economically feasible power spells an assured industrial future for the province of Manitoba, and especially for the cities of Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Brandon.

It is interesting to note that the Winnipeg river, in its natural condition, forms one of the most notable power rivers in the world, having a total drop in the province of Manitoba of 271 feet, and in average years its maximum flowage being only about four times its minimum—about 12,000 cubic feet per second. Full information regarding the enormous potential power resources of the river is set out in detail in chapter 3, by Mr. J. T. Johnston, hydraulic engineer of the Water Power Branch, under whose direction the surveys and investigations of the branch have been carried on. Particular attention is called to the two diagrams on plates 9 and 10, which illustrate graphically the power situation on this river under conditions of regulation and non-regulation.

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The preparation of the material in this report, excepting that relating to the Winnipeg river, was commenced by Mr. D. L. McLean, chief engineer of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Surveys, but owing to his resignation from the department in October last, to accept a position with the engineering staff of the city of Winnipeg, most of the work has developed upon Mr. S. S. Seovil, assistant chief engineer, to whose energy and resourcefulness is due a great measure of credit for the compilation of the material in the short time available.

It might seem pertinent to put on record more complete data bearing on the hydrology and other natural phenomena of the river basins of Manitoba which the engineers of the Water Power Branch have collected, collated and compiled, but these data will shortly be published in a forthcoming report of the work of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Surveys, and, furthermore, the limited time available for the completion of this report prevents satisfactory deductions therefrom. It has therefore been considered advisable to furnish general hydrographic data only, and to suggest that persons desiring to pursue questions of water supply further should either communicate with the chief engineer of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Survey or await the issue of the report referred to.

It is regretted that the limited time available for the preparation of this report—due to the necessity of having it placed in your hands by the 15th of December—has prevented a more complete and careful compilation of the available material regarding the physical features of power in Manitoba.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. CHALLIES,

Superintendent of Water Power Branch.

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WATER-POWERS OF MANITOBA

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL SUMMARY OF POWER SITUATION IN MANITOBA

CHAPTER 1.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

That Manitoba is richly endowed with numerous water-powers has been generally known, but previous to the investigations of the Water Power Branch of the Department of the Interior of Canada, their extent and magnitude have only been approximated.

Recognizing the great value of such powers, and with a view to the power requirements of both the present and future, a complete study has been made of certain power rivers, and is being made of all other power rivers throughout the province. In such studies it is the aim of the department to form a comprehensive scheme contemplating the maximum development of the total head available upon a river.

The great power possibilities of Manitoba are due to the geological and topographical features of the province. The central portion of Manitoba acts as a collecting basin for the waters from an immense drainage area. This vast area extends from the Rocky mountains practically as far eastward as lake Superior; it also comprises a great portion of the Northern States and reaches into the northerly lands of Western Canada.

As these waters reach the central portion of the province, a depression occurs between the prairie steppes and the Laurentian plateau, through which an extensive fall is available for power development. Lake Winnipeg forms the reservoir into which is collected practically all the run-off from the above described drainage area. From this lake to Hudson bay the flow is concentrated in the Nelson river, on which a drop of approximately 700 feet occurs.

From the above it is apparent that the major portion of the powers throughout the basin are concentrated within the lower portion of the drainage area, or more particularly in Manitoba.

The powers are naturally separated into two divisions, viz., those occurring on the rivers draining into lake Winnipeg, which are situated in the older or southern portion of the province, and secondly, the powers which occur in the northern portion lying in the drainage from lake Winnipeg. Under these two divisions the estimated powers of the province are tabulated below.

It should be noted that while, on many rivers, possible power concentrations have been investigated and an estimate of the available power is given for various sites, yet as future investigations will show, further power may be available on such rivers. Again, in the case of other rivers, no surveys to determine the extent of concentration available have as yet been made, and in these cases where a record of the flow has been obtained, an estimate is made of the power available per foot head. In many cases the power has been estimated both for the extreme minimum flow and for the lowest monthly mean flow of the highest six months of the year, as obtained from the present record of discharges.

The horse-power has been calculated for a turbine efficiency of 80 per cent, while no estimate has been made as to the power available during short periods of high or peak loads, since this would be impossible without a knowledge of the circumstances for which the power might be desired. The powers on the Winnipeg river have been considered on a 75 per cent efficiency basis, for reasons set out in the chapter on that river.

The data for these tables, and also for the more detailed description of the rivers as given in the following chapters, have been secured in the field by the Manitoba

Hydrographic and Power Surveys, and office compilation in Winnipeg and Ottawa. The power surveys carried out and the gauging stations maintained by the above surveys are shown on plate No. 34.

The following tabulation of the powers in the province is not intended to full cover the subject, as many rivers are as yet to be investigated:—

TABLE NO. 1.

1.—POWERS OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PORTION OF PROVINCE.

(a) Existing Water-Power Developments.

River.	Plant.	Power Developed.
		* Horse Power.
Winnipeg	City of Winnipeg	20,800
"	Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.	26,500
Little Saskatchewan	Brandon Electric Light Co.	500
"	Minnedosa Power Co.	500
Shell	Assinippi	50
Total		48,350

* The city of Winnipeg plant can ultimately supply, with a regulated river, 76,800 24-hour power.

TABLE NO. 2.

(b) Possible Water-Power Developments.

WINNIPEG RIVER.

Site.	Head.	24-HOUR POWER AT 75 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.	
		12,000 sec. ft.	20,000 sec. ft.
Slave Falls	26	26,600	44,400
First Site, Seven Sisters	39	11,600	34,800
Second Site, Seven Sisters	37	12,600	37,500
McArthur	18	18,400	30,700
Du Bonnet	56	57,300	96,500
Pine	37	37,900	63,100
Totals		164,400	306,400

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TABLE No. 3.

HORSE-POWER ON 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY, 24 HOURS.

River.	Site	Min. Flow.	Total.	Reg. Flow.	Total.	Period of six highest runs of yr.	Total.
Whitemouth	No. 1	46				180	
"	No. 2	46	92			180	360
Brokenhead.	N	0				8	
Roseau	N	0				3 6	
Red.	St. Andrew's					3,270	3,270
Pembina.	N						
Souris.	N	0 5				4 5	
Shell	N					18	
Assiniboine	Currie's Landing	653				1,685	1,685
"	Headingley	36				108	
"	Millwood	14				64	
Little Saskatchewan	No. 1	180		840			
"	" 2	203		945			
"	" 3	212		987			
"	" 4	190	685	420	3,192		
Valley	" 1	34		102		172	
"	" 2	34		102		172	
"	" 3	101		303		504	
"	" 4	94	263	282	789	468	1,316
Moway	" 1	455					
"	" 2	455	910				
Waterhen	Meadow Port.	6,800					
Fairford and Lauphin.	No. 1	3,630					
"	" 2	2,950					
"	" 3	12,706					
"	" 4	7,260	26,540				
Swan		1 5				11 5	
Red Deer		13 7					
Manigotagan	No. 1	90		449			
"	" 2	22		109			
"	" 3	33		163			
"	" 4	82		408			
"	" 5	33		163			
"	" 6	49		245			
"	" 7	92		462			
"	" 8	76		387			
"	" 9	57		286			
"	" 10	74	608	368	3,034		
Saskatchewan	Demi Charge	6,808				46,280	
"	Red Rock	6,808				46,280	
"	Grand Rapids	30,305	49,921			246,877	339,455

The estimated power as shown refers only to horse-power per foot head, as investigations as to possible concentrations are as yet to be made.

TABLE No. 4.
POWERS OF NORTHERN PORTION OF PROVINCE.

River.	Site.	Horse Power based on 80 per cent Efficiency.	Estimated Minimum Flow, 50,000 sec. ft.
Nelson	Whisky Jack portage	181,150	
	Ebb and Flow rapids	77,150	
	White Mud rapids	135,860	
	Bladder rapids	90,575	
	Chair of Rock rapids	158,510	
	Devil's rapids	113,220	
	Grand rapids	122,530	
	Birthday rapids	163,375	
	First Gull rapids	77,150	
	Second Gull rapids	93,105	
	Third Gull rapids	90,575	
	Fourth Gull rapids	135,860	
	First Kettle rapids	77,150	
	Second Kettle rapids	97,370	
	Third Kettle rapids	181,150	
	Upper Long Spruce rapids	181,150	
	Upper Limestone rapids	235,495	
	Lower Limestone rapids	149,450	
		185,680	
		2,548,505	

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CHAPTER II

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CHAPTER II.

RAINFALL, EVAPORATION AND RUN-OFF.

GENERAL.

Two main factors enter into the investigation of any possible power development - the head and flow available. While the first of these is obtainable through field survey and a knowledge of the extreme and average stages of river level, yet the second comprises an extensive study of the flow which, dependent on natural conditions, varies not only with the season and year, but also with the topography and character of the drainage area. Primarily, all waters carried by rivers comes from the rainfall or the melting of snow which has been precipitated during the winter months. Of this rainfall a portion evaporates, a portion enters the soil and is either absorbed by plant growth or, by ground flow reaches the rivers or lakes, while the third portion finds its way into streams as surface flow or run-off.

RAINFALL.

While the record of the run-off from a drainage area is of first importance in the question of power development, yet the rainfall or precipitation is also of extreme value in that these latter records, if of a more extensive period than those of the run-off, would indicate the high and low range of flow which might be expected. In a like manner, rainfall records in a drainage basin in which no discharge measurements are available can be used for the estimation of the flow based on the rainfall and run-off records of an adjacent area.

Throughout the southern portion of the province of Manitoba, rainfall records have been obtained by the Meteorological Bureau of the Marine and Fisheries Department of Canada, and these records are tabulated for the various stations on Plate No. 1.

It is well known that the precipitation not only shows a variation from season to season, but also that a record extending over a short period of years is not sufficient to give the mean annual rainfall, but rather that for this mean a period of cycle of long term should be considered. As the stations throughout the province at which long-term records have been obtained are not numerous, it is necessary to carry out some system of compensation for the shorter records of the adjacent stations. As is shown on the curves on plates No. 2 and No. 3, the records of the rainfall at the long-term stations, shown separately for the eastern and western portions of the province, have the same general features from period to period. Assuming that the intermediate stations of shorter terms will also range in a like manner from periods of heavy to those of light precipitation in the same years as at the long-term stations, the probable ratio of these short-term records to that of a long term for the same station, has been based on the ratio of the precipitation at an adjacent long-term station during similar years, to the precipitation of the total period of the long-term station. As shown on plates No. 2 and No. 3, the precipitation, together with the duration of the record, are given for various stations throughout the province. The ratio of all short-term records has been computed from the nearest long-term station as tabulated in the table, and a compensated annual mean for the station has been calculated. From these

compensated results, the location of lines of equal precipitation has been determined and are shown for the southern portion of the province on plate No. 34. In the preparation of this isohyetal map it will be noted that it has been necessary to use records of very short period, but, in the main, these records have been found to the lines of equal rainfall between the long term stations.

EVAPORATION.

Of the tremendous losses due to evaporation from the ground surface, very little is known. It is impossible to arrive at such losses by taking the difference between rainfall and run-off, as in this there would also be included the losses due to absorption by the soil and by vegetation, and again the rate of run-off does not depend altogether upon the rainfall. It is known, however, that a variation does occur in evaporation depending upon many factors in which are comprised atmospheric conditions, geological and topographical features of the drainage basin, together with the extent of forestation and vegetation.

A more complete study has been made of the evaporation from the water surface of lakes and rivers, the greatest use of such studies being in the investigation of the age and the losses which are likely to occur on such reservoirs through evaporation. That the losses on lake areas are very great, and often of greater extent than precipitation, is well known.

In connection with the investigation of the water-powers on the Winnipeg river and with the view to maximum efficiency in the development of powers thereon, has been found necessary to consider and investigate the possibilities of conserving the flood waters. Accordingly, very complete studies are being made of the possibilities of the immense lake areas of the Lake of the Woods district. These studies have naturally included the securing of data with respect to evaporation, and on May 1, 1913, an evaporation station, together with numerous instruments for recording of all atmospheric phenomena which affect the extent of evaporation, was established on the Lake of the Woods in the vicinity of Keewatin, Ont.

RUN-OFF.

It is readily seen that the extent of run-off or stream flow depends principally upon the depth of rainfall and the area of the basin drained, yet many other factors enter therein and of extreme importance comprise such as the geological formation and topographic features of the drainage area, whether of sloping land tending to give a rapid run-off, or of low-lying swampy areas from which the flow is more or less uniform, and also dependent upon the extent of the growth of timber and vegetation together with numerous other factors.

While much can be gained from the studies of rainfall and evaporation and the physical features of a drainage area, yet the most accurate and reliable data with regard to run-off or stream flow are obtained by a systematic gauging and metering of the flow of the stream to secure the continuous run-off, and extending over sufficient time to obtain the extreme fluctuation. The run-off of any stream varies not only from season to season, but also to such an extent from year to year that the same conditions are not likely to occur on a river in any two successive years. Records for a cycle of at least seven years are, as a rule, necessary to cover the yearly variations to be anticipated.

Not only is the study of the run-off of streams of extreme importance in the investigations of power possibilities, but it is also of extreme value in the investigation of possible reclamation of low lands through drainage, or the reclamation of arid lands through irrigation. Such a study is also necessitated on many rivers where schemes for the betterment of navigation are proposed.

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MANITOBA HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

Previous to the year 1911, there had been no systematic or reliable gathering of data relating to the flow of the rivers in the province of Manitoba. Some few scattered discharge measurements had been made throughout the province, but not of sufficient extent to give information as to the continuous flow of any rivers as extending over various stages of their discharge. In the above year a systematic study of the power possibilities of the Winnipeg river was inaugurated by Mr. J. B. Challies, Superintendent of Water Power Branch, Department of the Interior of Canada. The field work, of which Mr. D. L. McLean was in charge, consisted of a detail survey of the river and its power possibilities in Manitoba, and also included the establishment and maintenance of gauging stations on the river. This work, in the spring of 1912, was further enlarged so as to embrace a systematic study of the flow and power possibilities of all rivers throughout the province. For this extensive work, the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey was organized, with the appointment of Mr. D. L. McLean as chief engineer, the work still being carried on under the supervision of the Water Power Branch. Numerous gauging stations were established on the rivers and streams throughout the province, and since that time the gathering and compiling of the data has been vigorously carried on. The various metering and gauging stations at present maintained, together with the extent of the power surveys of the province, are shown on the plan on plate No. 34.

PLATE 1.

MANITOBA HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

MANITOBA RAINFALL RECORDS.

THIS TABLE has been compiled from the Meteorological Service Records; 10 inches of snow has been assumed equal to 1 inch of rainfall.

Station.	Elevation.	Duration of Record.	Years.	Annual Mean.	Long term Mean based on Record.	Probable ratio of Rainfall in this period to long term Mean.	Compensated annual Mean for this station.
				Inches.	At.	p.c.	
Almasippi		1903-1912	10	20.90	Winnipeg	100	20.9
Assessippi		1886	1	13.52	Minnedosa	65	18.3
Adelphi		1888-1912	1	12.25	Bottineau, N. Dak. ..	86	14.0
Brandon	1,176	1885-1912	21	17.16	Hillview	100	17.2
Birtle	1,703	1884	1	25.40	"	130	17.8
Barnardo		1891-1905	9	16.80	"	122	13.1
Berens River	710	1908-1912	5	21.28	"		
Beausejour		1886-1888	3	15.09	Winnipeg	52	22.3
Burnside		1886-1890	4	14.95	Stony Mountain	70	19.4
Craigilea		1888	1	15.05	Winnipeg	78	18.1
Channel Island		1890-15	15	17.10	Stony Mountain	73	21.7
Cartwright	1,533	1884-1912	15	19.82	Bottineau	123	15.3
Clarkleugh		1886-1888	3	18.10	"	86	20.6
Carberry	1,258	1909-1911	3	17.07	Stony Mountain	90	18.8
Clandeboyne		1884-1888	4	16.72	Minnedosa	72	21.4
Elkhorn		1895-1901	4	17.81	Stony Mountain	115	15.1
Emerson		1891-1898	3	21.67	Hillview	106	20.4
Eden		1884-1887	4	15.25	Pembina, N. Dak. ..	74	21.6
Fort Ellice		1885-1891	7	17.14	Minnedosa	99	15.4
Gretna	760	1903-1910	8	18.67	Hillview	91	19.8
Gilrad		1904-1905	2	11.77	Pembina, N. Dak. ..	93	12.6
Hillview	1,400	1891-1912	20	20.00	Minnedosa	114	17.2
Minnedosa	1,690	1881-1912	32	17.82	"	100	17.8
Morden	978	1888-1912	17	19.69	Pembina, N. Dak. ..	93	21.1
Norquay	798	1888-1912	16	19.00	Winnipeg	85	21.9
Oakbank	740	1886-1912	22	21.04	"	100	21.0
Oakdale Park	740	1905	1	18.48	Minnedosa	110	16.6
Portage la Prairie ..	830	1884-1908	14	17.00	Winnipeg	93	18.2
Pilot Mound	1,547	1887-1898	4	18.74	Pembina	93	20.1
Rapid City	1,180	1882-1912	15	17.65	Minnedosa	91	18.2
Russell		1884-1904	9	15.18	Hillview	89	16.8
St. Albans	1,060	1885-1912	25	17.66	"	100	17.7
Swan River		1901-1910	4	20.85	"		
Shell River		1884-1890	6	15.37	Minnedosa	89	16.9
Stony Mountain	803	1878-1909	22	17.64	Winnipeg	83	20.6
Turtle Mountain	2,150	1884-1904	12	21.92	Bottineau	141	12.9
Treherne	1,212	1910-1912	3	18.28	Winnipeg	93	19.6
Winnipeg	760	1873-1912	40	21.55	"	100	21.6
Kenora (Ont)		1886-1912	9	22.41	Winnipeg, P. Arthur ..	93	24.0
Norway House		1896-1904	8	18.90	"		
York Factory		1875-1882	3	20.38	"		
Moosomin (Sask)		1901-1905	3	17.39	Hillview	113	15.1
Salteoats (Sask)		1900-1913	4	15.69	Hillview	122	12.2
Port Arthur (Ont)		1886-1912	27	23.08	"		

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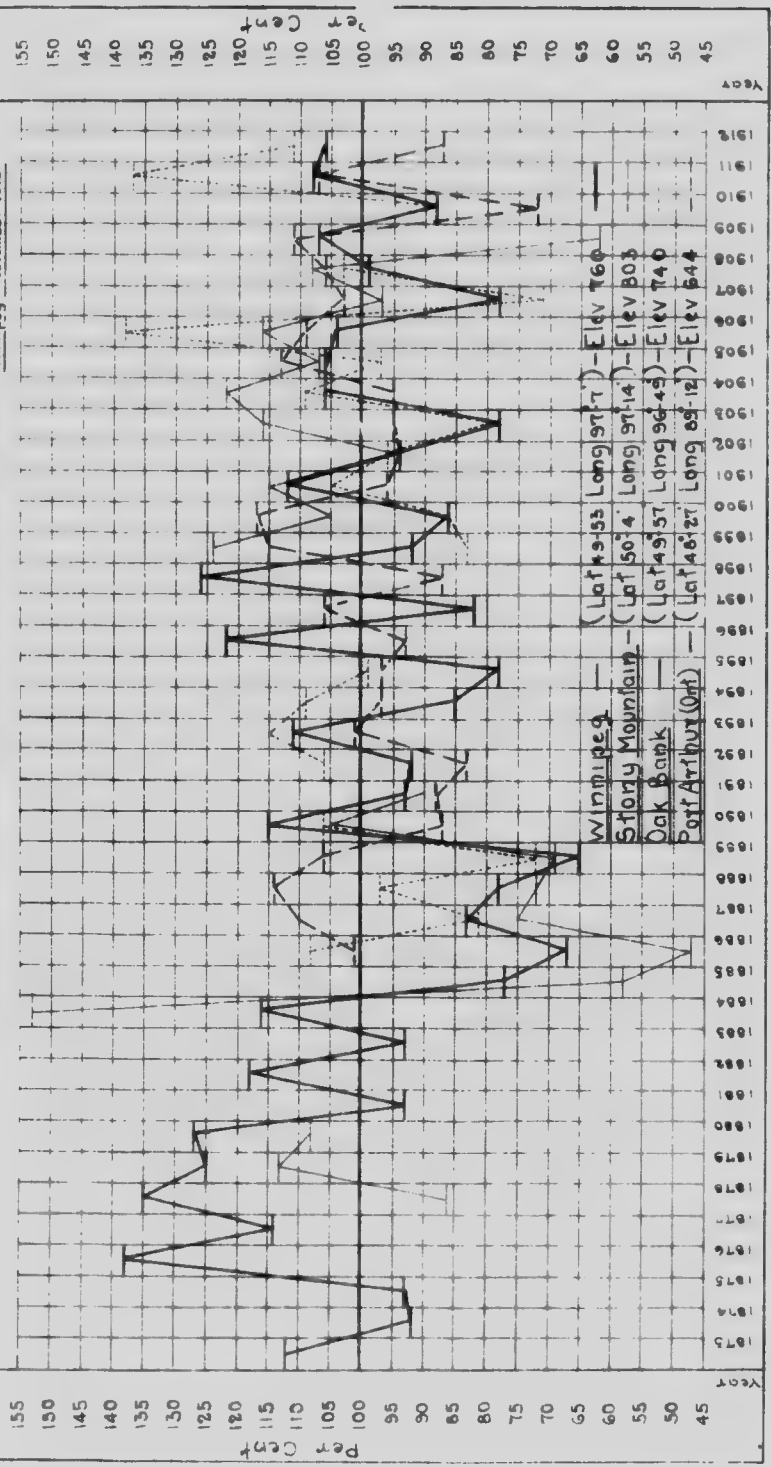
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Curves showing relation of precipitation at long term stations

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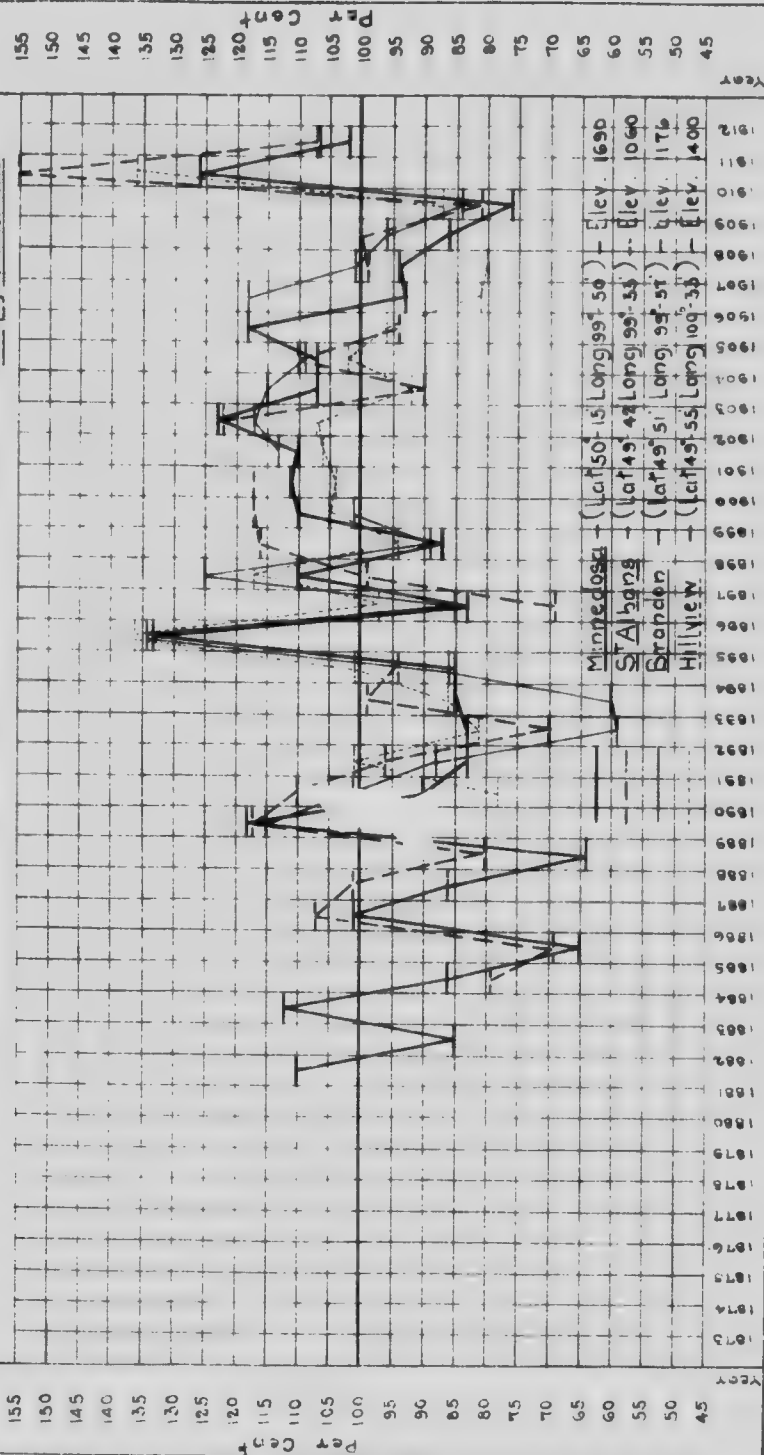


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WATER-POWERS OF MANITOBA

CHAPTER III

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I. NECESSITY FOR INVESTIGATION.

It has long been recognized that there is an enormous reserve of potential water-power on the Winnipeg river within the province of Manitoba. The rapidity with which the existing developments on the river have been, and are being increased to their capacity, and the active interest that has been taken in the undeveloped power sites of the river, have compelled the Dominion Government to give the water-power resources on this river careful and full consideration. Within the last few years there have been presented to the Dominion Government many applications for power privileges on this river; schemes have been proposed for the utilization of various portions of the natural fall, some contemplating the combination of several falls by the concentration of their respective drops at one power site, and others simply proposing the utilization of the drop at a particular fall. These have been so varied and so conflicting, and at the same time supported by such reputable engineering advice, that the government found it inadvisable to commit itself with respect to any further developments on the river until it had first caused to be made a complete survey and investigation of the whole river, with a view to securing such information as would enable the dictation of developments which would contemplate the maximum possible advantageous utilization of the water-power resources of the river. These investigations were started early in the year 1911, under the consulting advice of Mr. J. B. McRae, C.E., of Ottawa, and the field work has proceeded vigorously to completion under charge of Mr. D. L. McLean. For the purpose of this report for the Public Utilities Commission, which had to be completed by December 15, plans based on this field work have been rushed to completion, and a preliminary provisional estimate made by the engineers of the Water Power Branch, of the best method of concentrating the various separate falls of the river to enable all the natural fall to be utilized for power purposes, and at the same time have each unit development a component part of the comprehensive scheme for the whole river. These concentrations are indicated in plan and profile on plates No. 6 and No. 7. A study of this profile will illustrate the completeness with which the objects of the investigation have been realized, and the full conservation of the power resources of the river provided for.

2. DESCRIPTION OF RIVER AND DRAINAGE BASIN.

The Winnipeg river is one of the most notable power rivers on the continent; it flows in a westerly direction, connecting the Lake of the Woods with lake Winnipeg. The basin drained (see plate No. 4), comprises an immense area of some 55,000 square miles, lying at the westerly end of the Laurentian plateau. As is typical of Laurentian country, the area is dotted with innumerable muskegs and lakes, the latter varying in size from small ponds to the Lake of the Woods, with an area of 1,500 square miles. Certain general characteristics apply to the drainage basin as a whole, since practically the entire area is of Laurentian formation with an overlying soil of glacial origin. The country is rough and hilly, with large areas of rock outcrop. This latter feature applies in the main throughout the Winnipeg river, and lends itself to characteristic formation throughout the river channel, which is of exceptional value

in the interests of power development. The larger proportion of the river bed in the province of Manitoba, consists of a series of deep cup-like basins, forming small lake-like expanses with little or no current. The river flow finds its way from these basins by falls and rapids over the rock formation which is always in evidence at the outlets, and which forms at once the means of egress from and the controlling feature of the basin water level. These falls form the natural power sites along the river.

A valuable timber growth, including spruce, tamarack, birch and pine occurs throughout the whole district. Lumbering is carried on extensively and, in addition, pulp and paper industries have been established at Fort Frances and Dryden. Notwithstanding the great extent of rock outcrop, considerable area is available for farming, this applying more especially to the Whitemouth and Rainy River districts. While there are several prosperous towns, such as Fort Frances, Rainy River and Kenora in the basin, yet the greater portion of the country has not been settled, and is still in the state of nature.

The upper watershed reaches to the height of land separating the Atlantic drainage from that of Hudson bay, into which the waters of the Winnipeg river eventually flow. North lake, which is situated on the international boundary, some forty-five miles west of lake Superior, is the head-water of the drainage basin. From North lake the stream flows westward, passing through many small lakes, collecting the flow of numerous tributaries and finally discharging into Rainy lake. These upper waters, in the main, constitute a portion of the International boundary. Many streams heading in upper lakes and muskegs also contribute to the flow from Rainy lake. This latter has a surface of 330 square miles, and a drainage area of some 14,600 square miles. Rainy river, which is the outlet, discharges into the Lake of the Woods. From this latter lake to lake Winnipeg, the river is known as the Winnipeg. Forty miles down the river from the Lake of the Woods, the flow of the English river enters that of the Winnipeg. This tributary is almost of as large dimensions as the river into which it flows, as it drains an area of 22,000 square miles, while the Winnipeg, at the Lake of the Woods outlets, has a drainage of 25,000 square miles. From the Lake of the Woods to Lake Winnipeg, there is a total drop of 341 feet, and of this 70 feet takes place above and 271 feet below the junction with the English river; as this junction occurs practically at the boundary between Ontario and Manitoba, it follows that the combined flow of the two rivers, together with the greater drop as noted above, are available for power purposes in Manitoba. Of this head a considerable portion is already being utilized by existing developments on the river.

3.—FLOW RECORDS.

Estimates of the daily flow of the Winnipeg river have been compiled by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, based on the discharge measurements secured by them, together with results of measurements supplied by Col. Ruttan, D. A. Ross, and the city of Winnipeg power engineers. These estimated discharges, which are given in tables No. 5 to 24, are referred to the flow of the river at Pointe du Bois and extend over a period of six years. For this period a maximum flow of 53,400 second-feet and a minimum flow of 11,700 second-feet have been recorded. The high-water marks along the shore would indicate that floods of 100,000 second-feet have occurred in the past. Such floods must, however, take place at rare intervals.

4.—STORAGE ON THE UPPER WATERS.

The question of storage on the upper waters of the Winnipeg river is at present somewhat involved, in that the regulation of the Lake of the Woods has become an international question, and is now before the International Joint Commission. Cor

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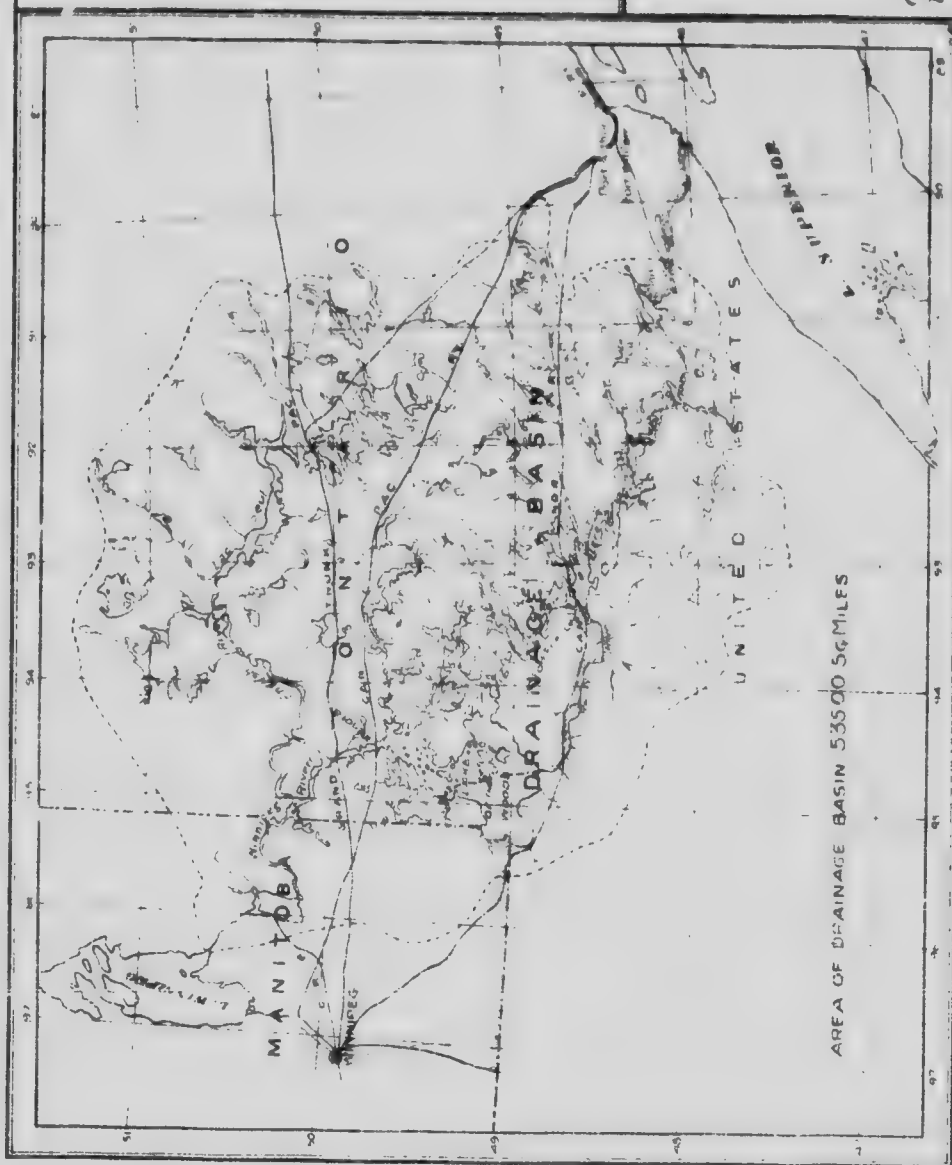
ENTIRE RIVER BASIN

Scale 50 Miles = 1 inch

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Considering that the lake has a tributary drainage area of 25,000 square miles and a surface area of 1,500 square miles, offering unexcelled storage facilities, it is of vital importance to the powers of the Winnipeg river that storage should be had on this lake. Partial regulation of the drainage tributary to Rainy lake is now controlled on Rainy lake by the dam of the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company at Fort Frances.

By the establishment of storage reservoirs on the English river, the flow of the latter can be regulated; and in conjunction with storage on the Lake of the Woods drainage basin, practically a complete regulation of the flow of the Winnipeg river in Manitoba can be attained.

During the period of the last six years, over which records of the flow of the Winnipeg river extend, a minimum flow of 11,700 second-feet has been recorded, while the maximum flow in the same period is 53,400 second-feet, a range of only 1 to 4, which is illustrative of the extremely low fluctuation under practically natural conditions. By an adequate system of storage, this flow can be so regulated that the minimum flow will be readily increased from about 12,000 second-feet to over 20,000 second-feet. On plate No. 5 is shown a mass curve of the flow of the river at Pointe du Bois for the period from January 23, 1906, to December 31, 1912. For this period a storage of 373 billion cubic feet would have been necessary for a complete regulation.

TABLE No. 5.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, May, 1906.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec. ft.
March 7.	Col. Rutten	160.5 ¹	19,876 ²

¹Referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.

²Just above falls at Pointe du Bois, one foot ice cover. Gauge height approximately 1

TABLE No. 6.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, 1907.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec. ft.
Aug. 1	Pratt and Ross for Winnipeg Street Railway Company.	162.2	31,947 ¹
Aug. 2	" " " " "	162.2	29,600 ²
Oct. 31	" " " " "	164.2	41,300 ³

Gauge heights referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.

¹Below diversion dam and Pinawa channel. Two channels measured to give total.

²Barrier chute.

³Otter Falls.

TABLE No. 7.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, 1908.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec. ft.
July 14.....	Pratt and Ross for Street Railway Company	164.2	43,000
Nov. 7.....	" " "	162.0	29,700

Gauge heights referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.
Discharge measured at Otter Falls.

TABLE No. 8.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, 1909.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec.-ft.
May 24.....	Pratt and Ross for Street Railway Co.	161.0	26,360
July 17.....	do do	161.25	26,000
Oct. 8.....	do do	160.70	22,500
Nov. 8.....	do do	160.55	21,770

Gauge heights referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.
Discharge measured at Otter Falls.

TABLE No. 9.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, 1910.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec.-ft.
July 28.....	Pratt and Ross for Street Railway Co.	162.25	20,370

Gauge heights referred to Lower Gauge at Pointe du Bois.
Discharge measured at Otter Falls.

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TABLE No. 10.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Pointe du Bois, 1911.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velo. city.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
Feb. 4, 6, 7, . . .	Stanford (for city of Winnipeg)		280.5	5,475	2.26	159.26	12,375
Feb. 13, 14, 15, . . .	do			5,691	2.28	159.26	13,256
May 7	Pratt and Ross (for Street Rail way Co.)					159.42	13,450
May 19	do					159.87	15,800
Oct. 13, 14	A. M. Beale (Water Power Survey).	3	269	7,272	3.79	161.80	26,115
Oct. 20,	do	1	269	7,218	3.68	161.70	26,391
Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9	A. M. Beale and Alex. Pirie	1	610	21,910	1.10	160.68	24,145
Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9	do	1	610	21,910	1.11	160.68	24,320

Gauge heights referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.

¹ At city meter station 10 miles below Pte. du Bois, Man., section, ice, cover; check measurements.² Otter Falls, ice measurement.³ Slave falls.⁴ 1½ miles above Gd. du Bonnet falls, 0.2 and 0.8 method under ice.⁵ 1½ miles above Gd. du Bonnet falls, Vert. Vol. curve method under ice.

TABLE No. 11.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Winnipeg River near Slave Falls, 1912.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velo. city.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. Ft.
May 8	A. M. Beale	1197	260	6,761	2.91	160.52	19,675
May 14	G. H. Burnham	1197	264	7,014	3.26	161.20	23,865
May 28	A. M. Beale	1197	273	7,366	3.65	161.8	26,887
June 4	E. B. Patterson	1196	261	7,542	3.85	162.1	28,096
June 6	G. H. Burnham	1187	277	7,595	3.95	162.5	29,882
June 10	E. B. Patterson	1197	277	7,536	3.92	162.2	29,443
June 17	W. H. Richardson	1197	273	7,449	3.80	162.09	28,207
June 24	"	1197	272	7,396	3.67	161.90	27,144
July 6	"	1197	272	7,238	3.56	161.75	25,780
July 8	"	1197	271	7,297	3.55	161.78	25,692
July 11	"	1197	271	7,446	3.54	161.76	26,358
July 15	"	1197	271	7,416	3.58	161.77	26,676
July 16,	"	1197	272	7,473	3.60	161.79	26,901
July 17	"	1197	271	7,473	3.54	161.80	26,453
July 18	"	1197	271	7,446	3.52	161.78	26,269
July 19	"	1197	271	7,473	3.55	161.75	26,528
July 20	"	1197	271	7,473	3.55	161.76	26,528
Aug. 20	Alex. Pirie	1197	272	7,369	3.74	161.98	27,560
Oct. 23	"	1197	263	7,934	4.36	163.28	34,628
Nov. 21	"	1462	291	7,785	3.95	162.85	30,461
Dec. 31	"	1462	274	7,439	3.64	162.10	27,095

Gauge heights referred to lower gauge at Pointe du Bois.

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TABLE

DAILY Gauge Height and Discharge of

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1			161 80	27,860	160 4	19,180	160 6	16,700	159 6	14,400	160 8	21,660
2			75	27,550	4	19,180	159 9	16,100	7	14,950	8	21,660
3				27,550		18,560	8	15,500	6	14,400	8	21,660
4			80	27,860	2	17,940	7	14,950	6	14,400	8	21,660
5			162 0	29,100	3	18,560	6	14,400	6	14,400	9	22,280
6			162 0	29,100	160 4	19,180	159 6	14,400	159 6	14,400	161 0	22,900
7			161 8	27,860	3	18,560	6	14,400	7	14,950	2	21,140
8			6	26,620	4	19,180	6	14,400	8	15,500	2	24,140
9			2	24,140	2	17,940	6	14,400	7	14,950	2	24,140
10				24,140		17,320	6	14,400	7	14,950	2	24,140
11			161 2	24,140	160 0	16,700	159 6	14,400	159 7	14,950	161 4	25,380
12			2	24,140	2	17,940	6	14,400	7	14,950	6	26,620
13			160 6	20,420	2	17,940	6	14,400	7	14,950	8	27,860
14			8	21,660	2	17,940	6	14,400	7	14,950	162 0	29,100
15			4	19,180	3	18,560	6	14,400	7	14,950	0	29,100
16			160 4	19,180	160 1	17,320	159 6	14,400	159 7	14,950	0	29,100
17				19,180	1	17,320	6	14,400	7	14,950	0	29,100
18			3	18,560	1	17,320	6	14,400	8	15,500	2	30,340
19			6	20,420	1	17,320	6	14,400	160 0	16,700	2	30,340
20			5	19,800	1	17,320	6	14,400	1	17,320	2	30,340
21			160 6	20,420	160 0	16,700	159 6	14,400	160 1	17,320	162 3	30,960
22			4	19,180	159 9	16,100	6	14,400	2	17,940	4	31,580
23	161 5	26,000	4	19,180	9	16,100	6	14,400	2	17,940	5	32,200
24		26,000		19,800	8	15,500	6	14,400	1	17,320	6	32,820
25		26,000	6	20,420	8	15,500	6	14,400	1	17,320	6	32,820
26	161 5	26,000	160 8	21,660	159 8	15,500	159 6	14,400	160 2	17,940	162 6	32,820
27		26,700	7	21,040	8	15,500	6	14,400	3	18,560	6	32,820
28		27,400	6	20,420	8	15,500	6	14,400	4	19,180	7	33,440
29	161 85	28,170			9	16,100	6	14,400	5	19,800	7	33,440
30		28,170			160 0	16,700	6	14,400	5	19,800	7	33,440
31	85	28,170			0	16,700			6	20,420		

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Winnipeg River, near Otter Falls, for 1907.

JUNE.	DAY.	JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
		Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
		Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
21,600	1	162 7	33,440	162 2	30,340	162 9	34,680	163 6	39,020	161 2	42,740	161 2	42,740
21,600	2	8	34,060	3	30,960	163 0	35,300	6	39,020	2	42,740	2	42,740
21,600	3	8	34,060	2	30,340	0	35,300	8	40,260	2	42,740	2	42,740
21,600	4	7	33,440	2	30,340	0	35,300	8	40,260	2	42,740	2	42,740
22,280	5	8	34,060	2	30,340	0	35,300	161 0	41,500	2	42,740	1	42,120
22,900	6	162 7	33,440	162 2	30,340	163 1	35,920	2	42,740	164 2	42,740	164 1	42,120
24,140	7	8	34,060	2	30,340	2	36,540	2	42,740	2	42,740	0	41,500
24,140	8	7	33,440	2	30,340	2	36,540	2	42,740	2	42,740	0	41,500
24,140	9	6	32,820	2	30,340	2	36,540	2	42,740	2	42,740	0	41,500
24,140	10	5	32,200	2	30,340	2	36,540	2	42,740	2	42,740	0	41,500
25,380	11	162 5	32,200	162 2	30,340	163 2	36,540	161 2	42,740	161 2	42,740	163 8	40,260
26,620	12	5	32,200	2	30,340	2	36,540	2	42,740	2	42,740	8	40,260
27,860	13	4	31,580	2	30,340	2	36,540	3	43,360	2	42,740	8	40,260
27,860	14	4	31,580	2	30,340	3	37,100	2	42,740	2	42,740	7	39,640
29,100	15	4	31,580	2	30,340	4	37,780	2	42,740	2	42,740	6	39,020
29,100	16	162 4	31,580	162 2	30,340	163 4	37,780	164 2	42,740	164 2	42,740	163 6	39,020
29,100	17	4	31,580	2	30,340	4	37,780	2	42,740	2	42,740	6	39,020
30,340	18	4	31,580	2	30,340	4	37,780	2	42,740	2	42,740	6	39,020
30,340	19	4	31,580	2	30,340	4	37,780	2	42,740	2	42,740	6	39,020
30,340	20	4	31,580	4	31,580	4	37,780	2	42,740	2	42,740	5	38,400
30,960	21	162 4	31,580	162 6	32,820	163 4	37,780	164 3	43,360	164 2	42,740	163 4	37,780
31,580	22	4	31,580	6	32,820	4	37,780	4	43,980	2	42,740	4	37,780
32,200	23	4	31,580	6	32,820	4	37,780	3	43,360	2	42,740	4	37,780
32,820	24	4	31,580	6	32,820	4	37,780	3	43,360	2	42,740	3	37,160
32,820	25	4	31,580	6	32,820	4	37,780	3	43,360	2	42,740	4	37,780
32,820	26	162 3	30,960	162 6	32,820	163 4	37,780	164 3	43,360	164 2	42,740	163 4	37,780
32,820	27	2	30,340	6	32,820	6	39,020	3	43,360	2	42,740	3	37,160
33,440	28	2	30,340	6	32,820	6	39,020	3	43,360	1	42,120	2	36,540
33,440	29	2	30,340	6	32,820	6	39,020	3	43,360	1	42,120	2	36,540
33,440	30	2	30,340	7	33,440	6	39,020	2	42,740	1	42,120	2	36,540
33,440	31	2	30,340	8	34,060			2	42,740			2	36,540

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TABLE

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE of

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge	Dis-	Gauge	Dis-	Gauge	Dis-	Gauge	Dis-	Gauge	Dis-	Gauge	Dis-
	Height	charge.	Height	charge.	Height.	charge.	Height.	charge.	Height.	charge.	Height	charge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	163 2	34,540	163 8	40,260	162 7	33,440	161 8	27,860	162 0	29,190	163 5	38,490
2	2	36,540	9	46,880	6	32,820	162 0	29,100	1	29,720	5	38,100
3	3	37,160	8	40,260	6	32,820	161 9	28,480	1	29,720	5	38,100
4	3	37,160	6	39,020	5	32,200	8	27,860	1	29,720	5	38,400
5	2	36,540	8	40,260	5	31,200	162 0	29,100	1	29,720	5	38,400
6	163 2	36,540	163 8	40,260	162 5	31,200	0	29,100	162 2	30,340	163 5	38,400
7	3	37,160	8	40,260	5	32,200	0	29,100	1	29,720	5	38,400
8	2	36,540	8	40,260	6	32,820	161 9	28,480	2	30,340	5	38,100
9	2	36,540	6	39,020	7	33,440	9	28,480	2	30,340	6	39,020
10	3	37,160	4	37,780	7	33,440	9	28,480	2	30,340	8	40,260
11	163 2	36,540	163 2	36,540	162 6	32,820	161 9	28,480	162 2	30,340	161 0	41,500
12	2	36,540	0	35,300	4	31,580	9	28,480	3	30,960	2	42,740
13	2	36,540	162 8	34,060	4	31,580	9	28,480	4	31,580	2	42,740
14	2	36,540	8	34,060	4	31,580	9	28,480	4	31,580	2	42,740
15	2	36,540	8	34,060	3	30,960	9	28,480	4	31,580	164 2	42,740
16	163 2	36,540	162 8	34,060	162 6	32,82	161 9	28,480	162 4	31,580	164 2	42,740
17	2	36,540	8	34,060	4	31,580	9	28,480	4	31,580	2	42,740
18	2	36,540	8	34,060	4	31,580	7	27,240	5	32,200	2	42,740
19	2	36,540	8	34,060	4	31,580	7	27,240	5	32,200	2	42,740
20	2	36,540	8	34,060	2	30,340	8	27,860	5	32,200	3	43,360
21	163 2	36,540	162 8	34,060	162 4	31,580	161 8	27,860	162 8	34,060	164 3	43,360
22	2	36,540	6	32,820	4	31,580	8	27,860	9	34,680	3	43,360
23	2	36,540	8	34,060	2	30,340	8	27,860	163 0	35,300	3	43,360
24	2	36,540	163 1	35,920	1	29,720	162 0	29,100	0	35,300	3	43,360
25	1	35,920	3	37,160	1	29,720	0	29,100	163 2	37,540	164 3	43,360
26	163 0	35,300	163 3	37,160	162 1	29,720	0	29,100	2	36,540	4	43,980
27	0	35,300	3	37,160	1	29,720	0	29,100	2	36,540	4	43,980
28	4	37,780	2	36,540	0	29,100	0	29,100	2	36,540	4	43,980
29	6	39,020	0	35,300	0	29,100	0	29,100	3	37,160	4	43,980
30	8	40,260			0	29,100			4	37,780		
31	8	40,260			161 9	28,480						

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Winnipeg River near Otter Falls, for 1908.

Day.	JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1	164.3	43,360	164.0	41,500	163.4	37,180	162.8	31,060	162.1	29,720	161.3	24,760
2	4	43,980	0	41,500	6	39,020	8	34,060	0	29,100	3	24,760
3	1	43,980	9	41,500	6	39,020	9	34,680	1	29,720	2	24,140
4	4	43,980	163.9	40,880	5	38,400	8	34,060	1	29,720	2	24,140
5	4	43,980	8	40,260	5	38,400	7	33,440	1	29,720	2	24,140
6	164.4	43,980	163.8	40,260	163.5	38,400	162.6	32,820	162.2	30,340	161.2	24,140
7	4	43,980	8	40,260	5	38,400	7	33,440	1	29,720	2	24,140
8	4	43,980	8	40,260	5	38,400	7	33,440	0	29,100	2	24,140
9	4	43,980	8	40,260	4	37,780	7	33,440	0	29,100	3	24,760
10	4	43,980	8	40,260	4	37,780	7	33,440	0	29,100	2	24,140
11	164.3	43,360	163.8	40,260	163.3	37,160	162.7	33,440	162.0	29,100	161.2	24,140
12	3	43,360	8	40,260	2	36,540	7	33,440	0	29,100	2	24,140
13	3	43,360	8	40,260	1	35,920	7	33,440	1	29,720	2	24,140
14	3	43,360	8	40,260	0	35,300	7	33,440	1	29,720	2	24,140
15	3	43,360	7	39,640	162.9	34,680	6	32,820	0	29,100	0	22,900
16	164.3	43,360	163.7	39,640	9	34,680	162.6	32,820	162.0	29,100	161.0	22,900
17	3	43,360	6	39,020	9	34,680	8	34,060	0	29,100	1	23,520
18	3	43,360	6	39,020	9	34,680	7	33,440	0	29,100	1	23,520
19	3	43,360	6	39,020	9	34,680	7	33,440	0	29,100	1	23,520
20	2	42,740	6	39,020	9	34,680	7	33,440	161.8	27,860	1	23,520
21	164.1	42,120	163.6	39,020	162.9	34,680	152.7	33,440	8	27,860	161.0	22,900
22	1	42,120	6	39,020	8	34,060	6	32,820	8	27,860	0	22,900
23	1	42,120	6	39,020	8	34,060	6	32,820	7	27,240	0	22,900
24	1	42,120	6	39,020	8	34,060	5	32,200	7	27,240	160.9	22,280
25	1	42,120	6	39,020	8	34,060	5	32,200	6	26,620	9	22,280
26	164.1	42,120	163.5	38,400	162.8	34,060	162.5	32,200	161.6	26,620	160.9	22,280
27	0	41,500	5	38,400	8	34,060	5	32,200	5	26,000	8	21,660
28	0	41,500	4	37,780	8	34,060	5	32,200	4	25,380	8	21,660
29	0	41,500	4	37,780	8	34,060	4	31,580	4	25,380	8	21,660
30	0	41,500	4	37,780	7	33,440	4	31,580	4	25,380	8	21,660
31			4	37,780			2	30,340			8	21,660

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TABLE
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE

DAY.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	160 89	22,280	160 99	22,900	160 89	22,280	160 10	17,320	160 00	16,700	161 20	24,140
2	89	22,280	99	22,900	79	21,660	10	17,320	159 90	16,100	20 24	20 24
3	89	22,280	99	22,900	69	21,040	10	17,320	90	16,100	25 24	25 24
4	89	22,280	99	22,900	59	20,420	00	16,700	90	16,100	30 24	30 24
5	89	22,280	99	22,900	59	20,420	00	17,700	90	16,100	30 24	30 24
6	160 89	22,280	160 99	22,900	160 49	19,800	160 10	17,320	159 90	16,100	161 30	24,140
7	99	22,900	19	24,140	49	19,800	10	17,320	160 00	16,700	30 24	30 24
8	161 29	24,760	29	24,760	49	19,800	00	16,700	10	17,320	25 24	25 24
9	69	27,240	39	25,380	49	19,800	00	16,700	20	17,940	30 24	30 24
10	79	27,860	39	25,380	39	19,800	00	16,700	20	17,940	30 24	30 24
11	161 69	27,240	161 39	25,380	160 49	19,800	160 00	16,700	160 30	18,560	161 25	24,140
12	69	27,240	49	26,000	49	19,800	00	16,700	40	19,180	30 24	30 24
13	89	28,480	59	26,620	39	19,180	00	16,700	50	19,800	30 24	30 24
14	89	28,480	59	26,620	39	19,180	00	16,700	60	20,420	30 24	30 24
15	79	27,860	59	26,620	39	19,180	00	16,700	70	21,040	25 24	25 24
16	161 79	27,860	59	26,620	160 39	19,180	160 00	16,700	160 70	21,040	161 30	24,140
17	79	27,860	59	26,620	29	18,560	159 90	16,100	70	21,040	25 24	25 24
18	69	27,240	39	25,380	09	17,320	90	16,100	80	21,660	30 24	30 24
19	59	26,620	19	24,140	19	17,940	90	16,100	80	21,660	20 24	20 24
20	59	26,620	160 99	22,900	17,940	160 00	16,700	160 90	22,280	161 30	24,140	161 30
21	161 49	26,000	89	22,280	17,320	159 90	16,100	90	22,280	25 24	25 24	25 24
22	09	23,520	89	22,280	17,320	160 00	16,700	161 00	22,900	25 24	25 24	25 24
23	09	23,210	99	22,900	17,320	00	16,700	00	22,900	30 24	30 24	30 24
24	160 99	22,900	59	22,900	160 09	17,320	00	16,700	10	23,520	30 24	30 24
25	22,900	161 09	23,520	160 09	17,320	160 00	16,700	161 10	23,520	161 30	24,140	161 30
26	22,900	09	23,520	160 09	17,320	00	16,700	10	23,520	25 24	25 24	25 24
27	22,900	160 99	22,900	09	17,320	00	16,700	10	23,520	30 24	30 24	30 24
28	22,900	9 9	22,900	09	17,320	00	16,700	10	23,520	30 24	30 24	30 24
29	22,900	00	22,900	00	17,320	08	16,700	20	24,140	30 24	30 24	30 24
30	22,900	00	22,900	159 99	16,700	00	16,700	20	24,140	30 24	30 24	30 24
31	22,900	00	22,900	00	16,700	00	16,700	20	24,140	30 24	30 24	30 24

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Winnipeg River, near Otter Falls, for 1909.

JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
161 20 24,140		1 161 25 24,450		161 25 24,450		161 10 23,520		150 80 21,660		160 50 19,800		160 70 21,940	
20 24,140		2 25 24,450		25 24,450		00 22,900		75 21,350		45 19,490		75 21,350	
25 24,450		3 30 24,760		30 24,760		00 22,900		75 21,350		50 19,800		75 21,350	
20 24,140		4 30 24,760		20 24,140		00 22,900		75 21,350		55 20,110		75 21,350	
30 24,760		5 30 24,760		20 24,140		05 23,210		75 21,350		55 20,110		75 21,350	
161 30 24,760		6 161 30 24,760		161 30 24,760		161 00 22,900		160 75 21,350		160 55 20,110		160 75 21,350	
30 24,760		7 35 25,070		30 24,760		160 90 22,280		75 21,350		75 20,110		75 21,350	
25 24,450		8 35 25,070		30 24,760		95 22,590		70 21,040		75 20,110		80 21,660	
30 24,760		9 35 25,070		30 24,760		85 21,970		65 20,730		75 20,110		85 21,970	
30 24,760		10 35 25,070		30 24,760		90 22,280		60 20,420		55 20,110		95 22,590	
161 25 24,450		11 161 30 24,760		161 25 24,450		160 90 22,280		160 55 20,110		160 55 20,110		160 95 22,590	
30 24,760		12 30 24,760		25 24,450		90 22,280		55 20,110		55 20,110		95 22,590	
30 24,760		13 30 24,760		30 24,760		95 22,590		50 19,800		60 20,420		95 22,590	
30 24,760		14 30 24,760		35 25,070		95 22,590		50 19,800		60 20,420		95 22,590	
25 24,450		15 30 24,760		35 25,070		90 22,280		50 19,800		60 20,420		95 22,590	
161 30 24,760		16 161 30 24,760		161 35 25,070		160 90 22,280		160 50 19,800		160 60 20,420		160 95 22,590	
25 24,450		17 30 24,760		30 24,760		90 22,280		45 19,490		60 20,420		95 22,590	
30 24,760		18 30 24,760		30 24,760		95 22,590		50 19,800		65 20,730		95 22,590	
20 24,140		19 30 24,760		30 24,760		90 22,280		55 20,110		65 20,730		95 22,590	
20 24,140		20 30 24,760		20 24,140		90 22,280		55 20,110		65 20,730		95 22,590	
161 30 24,760		21 161 30 24,760		161 25 24,450		160 85 21,970		160 50 19,800		65 20,730		160 95 22,590	
25 24,450		22 30 24,760		25 24,450		85 21,970		55 20,110		65 20,730		95 22,590	
25 24,450		23 30 24,760		25 24,450		85 21,970		55 20,110		70 21,040		95 22,590	
30 24,760		24 30 24,760		25 24,450		80 21,660		55 20,110		70 21,040		161 00 22,900	
30 24,760		25 25 24,450		25 24,450		80 21,660		55 20,110		70 21,040		00 22,900	
161 30 24,760		26 161 20 24,140		161 25 24,450		160 80 21,660		160 50 19,800		160 70 21,040		161 00 22,900	
25 24,450		27 25 24,450		30 24,760		80 21,660		45 19,490		70 21,040		65 23,210	
25 24,450		28 20 24,140		30 24,760		80 21,660		55 20,110		70 21,040		20 24,140	
30 24,760		29 20 24,140		25 24,450		80 21,660		55 20,110		70 21,040		35 25,070	
30 24,760		30 15 23,830		15 23,830		80 21,660		50 19,800		70 21,040		20 24,140	
30 24,760		31 20 24,140		10 23,520				50 19,800				20 24,140	

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TABL

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY.		JUNE	
	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1	161 20	24,140	161 30	24,760	161 20	24,140	161 40	25,380	165 50	50,880	165 70	52,100
2	20	24,140	30	24,760	20	24,140	50	26,000	55	51,200	65	51
3	20	24,140	30	24,760	20	24,140	60	26,620	70	52,160	60	51
4	50	26,000	30	24,760	20	24,140	70	27,240	75	52,480	55	51
5	35	25,070	30	24,760	20	24,140	90	28,480	80	52,800	60	51
6	161 40	25,380	161 30	24,760	161 20	24,140	162 20	30,340	165 85	53,120	165	65 5
7	40	25,380	25	24,450	20	24,140	40	31,580	90	53,140	65	5
8	50	26,000	20	24,140	20	24,140	60	32,820	85	53,120	65	5
9	70	27,240	20	24,140	20	24,140	80	34,060	80	52,800	65	5
10	50	26,000	20	24,140	20	24,140	163 10	35,920	80	52,800	65	5
11	161 70	26,000	161 20	24,140	161 20	24,140	80	37,160	165 80	52,800	165	60 5
12	50	26,000	20	24,140	20	24,140	60	38,400	80	52,800	60	5
13	50	26,000	20	24,140	15	23,830	60	39,020	80	52,800	45	5
14	50	26,000	20	24,140	15	23,830	75	39,950	80	52,800	35	4
15	50	26,000	20	24,110	15	23,830	90	40,880	85	53,120	25	4
16	161 45	25,630	161 20	24,140	161 15	23,830	164 00	41,500	165 90	53,440	165	15
17	40	25,380	20	24,140	15	23,830	15	42,130	85	53,120	65	5
18	40	25,380	20	24,140	15	23,830	40	43,980	85	53,120	164	95
19	35	25,070	20	24,140	15	23,830	55	44,910	85	53,120	85	5
20	35	25,070	20	24,140	15	23,830	75	46,150	85	53,120	80	5
21	161 35	25,070	161 20	24,140	161 15	23,830	164 75	46,150	165 85	53,120	164	80
22	20	24,760	20	24,140	15	23,830	75	46,150	85	53,120	80	5
23	35	25,070	20	24,140	15	23,830	85	46,770	85	53,120	75	5
24	35	25,070	20	24,140	10	23,520	20	48,960	85	53,120	75	5
25	35	25,070	20	24,140	161 05	23,210	165 25	49,280	165 80	52,800	164	65
26	161 30	24,760	161 20	24,140	00	22,900	30	49,600	80	52,800	65	5
27	30	24,760	20	24,140	00	22,900	30	49,600	85	53,120	50	5
28	30	24,760	20	24,140	05	23,210	30	49,600	85	53,120	40	5
29	30	24,760			05	23,210	40	50,240	80	52,800	30	5
30	30	24,760			05	23,210			75	52,480		
31	20	24,140			20	24,140						

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Winnipeg River, near Otter Falls, for 1910.

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		
Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Day.	Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Gauge Height	Dis-charge	Gauge Height	Dis-charge
Feet.	Sec. ft.		Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
160 165 70 52,100		1	164 25	43,050	161 80	27,800	160 80	21,660	160 25	18,250	159 78	15,500	159 38	13,450
160 65 51,840		2	20	42,740	90	28,480	80	21,660	20	17,940	74	15,180	35	13,250
160 60 51,520		3	20	42,740	65	26,030	70	21,040	20	17,940	74	15,180	35	13,250
160 55 51,200		4	15	42,430	60	26,620	70	21,040	25	18,230	70	14,950	35	13,250
160 60 51,520		5	10	42,120	55	26,310	70	21,040	15	17,630	70	14,950	30	13,050
160 165 65 51,840		6	164 00	41,500	161 60	26,020	160 70	21,040	160 20	17,940	159 70	14,950	159 30	13,050
160 65 51,840		7	00	41,500	55	26,310	65	20,730	20	17,940	70	14,950	30	13,050
160 65 51,840		8	163 00	40,880	50	26,000	50	19,800	20	17,940	70	14,950	30	13,050
160 65 51,840		9	00	40,880	45	25,690	45	19,490	20	17,940	65	14,630	30	13,050
160 65 51,840		10	00	40,880	50	26,000	45	19,490	20	17,940	60	14,400	30	13,050
160 165 60 51,520		11	163 85	40,570	161 45	25,690	160 50	19,800	160 15	17,630	159 60	14,400	159 30	13,050
160 50 50,880		12	75	39,950	40	25,380	40	19,180	15	17,630	65	14,630	30	13,050
160 45 50,560		13	70	39,640	35	25,070	45	19,490	05	17,010	65	14,630	30	13,050
160 35 49,920		14	70	39,640	35	25,070	40	19,180	00	16,700	60	14,400	30	13,050
160 25 49,280		15	60	39,020	35	25,070	40	19,180	00	16,700	50	13,900	20	12,700
160 165 15 48,650		16	163 55	38,710	161 35	25,070	160 40	19,180	160 05	17,010	159 44	13,680	159 20	12,700
160 65 48,020		17	40	37,780	40	25,380	35	18,870	00	16,740	40	13,900	20	12,700
160 164 95 47,390		18	25	36,860	15	23,830	40	19,180	00	16,700	40	13,900	20	12,700
160 85 46,770		19	10	35,920	30	24,760	45	19,490	05	17,010	50	13,900	20	12,700
160 85 46,770		20	00	35,300	00	22,900	40	19,180	05	17,010	55	14,150	25	12,880
160 164 80 46,460		21	165 45	34,370	161 15	23,890	160 30	18,560	160 10	17,320	159 50	13,900	159 25	12,880
160 80 46,460		22	65	33,130	00	22,900	35	18,870	00	16,700	45	13,680	18	12,700
160 75 46,150		23	55	32,510	15	23,820	35	18,870	159 95	17,00	40	13,450	14	12,550
160 75 46,150		24	50	32,200	10	23,520	40	19,180	90	16,100	50	13,900	12	12,400
160 75 46,150		25	50	32,200	00	22,900	40	19,180	90	16,100	50	13,900	10	12,400
160 164 65 45,530		26	162 45	31,890	160 95	22,590	160 10	19,180	159 90	16,100	159 50	13,900	159 10	12,400
160 85 44,910		27	35	31,270	90	22,280	40	19,180	87	15,800	50	13,900	20	12,700
160 50 44,600		28	25	29,650	90	22,280	30	18,500	85	15,800	50	13,900	15	12,550
160 40 43,980		29	05	29,410	90	22,280	35	18,870	85	15,800	45	13,680	30	13,050
160 30 43,360		30	161 85	28,170	90	22,280	35	18,870	82	15,500	42	13,450	35	13,250
		31	75	27,550	85	21,970			80	15,500			40	13,450

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE

Day	FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	159.50	13.800	159.50	13.800	159.42	13.350	159.00	12.000	159.25	12.780	160.10	10.1
2	58	14.300	54	14.050	30	12.950	158.50	11.700	30	12.950	15.1	
3	66	14.550	58	14.300	30	12.950	159.00	12.000	30	12.950	20.1	
4	73	15.300	46	13.580	30	12.950	10	12.300	30	12.950	20.1	
5	72	14.800	55	14.050	35	13.150	08	12.300	35	13.150	20.1	
6	159.70	14.800	150.65	14.550	159.78	13.350	159.02	12.000	159.40	13.350	160.20	
7	70	14.800	54	14.050	42	13.350	02	12.600	40	13.350	20.1	
8	70	14.800	42	13.350	20	12.600	02	12.600	45	13.580	25	
9	71	14.800	48	13.800	15	12.450	02	12.600	47	13.580	25	
10	75	15.050	50	13.800	18	12.600	00	12.000	47	13.580	25	
11	159.80	15.300	159.48	13.800	159.00	12.000	159.00	12.000	159.48	13.800	160.30	
12	95	16.050	40	13.350	40	13.370	05	12.150	50	13.800	35	
13	160.00	16.300	32	12.950	12	12.300	05	12.150	50	13.800	35	
14	05	16.580	23	12.780	18	12.600	05	12.150	60	14.300	35	
15	10	16.860	23	12.780	14	12.450	12	12.300	70	14.800	35	
16	160.15	17.110	159.23	12.780	159.14	12.450	159.15	12.450	159.77	15.050	160.35	
17	00	16.300	23	12.780	14	12.450	15	12.450	79	15.300	38	
18	159.78	15.300	25	12.780	12	12.300	17	12.450	85	15.550	40	
19	76	15.050	28	12.950	10	12.300	17	12.450	87	15.550	40	
20	72	14.800	30	12.950	08	12.300	17	12.450	90	15.800	40	
21	159.68	14.800	159.50	12.950	159.05	12.150	159.25	12.780	159.90	15.800	160.30	
22	54	14.550	27	12.780	10	12.300	25	12.780	88	15.800	43	
23	62	14.300	25	12.780	12	12.300	25	12.780	90	15.800	40	
24	60	14.300	22	12.600	15	12.150	25	12.780	90	15.800	50	
25	60	13.800	22	12.600	13	12.450	25	12.780	90	15.800	58	
26	159.40	13.350	159.25	12.780	154.00	12.000	159.27	12.780	159.95	16.050	160.60	
27	40	13.370	30	12.950	158.90	11.700	32	12.950	98	16.300	60	
28	40	13.370	35	13.150	159.10	12.300	31	12.950	160.02	16.300	60	
29	45	13.580			07	12.150	30	12.950	05	16.580	65	
30	45	13.580			15	12.450	25	12.780	10	16.860	65	
31	50	13.800			05	12.150			10	16.860		

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Winnipeg River, near Slave Falls, for E. V. A.

JUNE.			JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.							
Gauge Dis- Height charge			Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis- charge.						
Feet. Sec. ft.			Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.						
80 160	10 16,800		1	62	19,600	161	62	25,200	161	68	25,820	161	47	24,420	161	60	25,200	160	75	20,500
150	15 17,140		2	62	19,600		61	25,200		65	25,540		59	24,700		57	24,980		72	20,220
150	20 17,420		3	64	19,940		60	25,200		62	25,260		50	24,700		55	24,980		68	20,220
150	20 17,420		4	66	19,940		63	25,540		65	25,540		56	24,980		50	24,700		65	19,940
150	20 17,420		5	66	19,940		65	25,540		65	25,540		64	25,540		45	24,420		65	19,940
150 160	20 17,420		6	66	19,940	161	68	25,820	161	64	25,540	161	75	26,100	161	42	24,440	160	62	19,600
150	20 17,420		7	66	19,940		72	25,820		60	25,200		70	26,380		37	23,800		60	19,600
150	20 17,420		8	78	20,780		78	26,380		55	24,980		85	26,660		36	23,800		60	19,600
150	25 17,700		9	60	21,340		84	26,660		48	24,700		85	26,660		34	23,800		56	19,380
150	25 17,700		10	90	21,340		90	26,940		45	24,420		85	26,660		34	23,800		56	19,380
150 160	20 17,980		11	100	21,620	161	87	26,660	161	60	24,420	161	90	26,940	161	33	23,800	160	60	19,600
150 160	20 17,980		12	161	22,180		85	26,660		40	24,140		93	27,220		30	23,580		60	19,600
150	35 18,260		13	10	22,460		85	26,660		38	24,140		80	26,380		25	23,020		60	19,600
150	35 18,260		14	15	22,740		85	26,660		40	24,140		80	26,380		20	23,020		55	19,380
150	35 18,260		15	18	23,020		85	26,660		43	24,420		80	26,380		15	22,740		55	19,380
150	35 18,260		16	161	23,300	161	83	26,660	161	43	24,420	161	80	26,380	161	15	22,740	160	56	19,380
150	35 18,260		17	34	23,800		81	26,380		45	24,420		65	25,540		10	22,460		66	19,940
150	35 18,260		18	42	24,140		81	26,380		47	24,420		70	25,820		10	22,460		55	19,380
150	35 18,260		19	48	24,700		80	26,380		50	24,700		75	26,100		10	22,460		54	19,380
150	35 18,260		20	48	24,700		78	26,380		53	24,980		75	26,100		05	22,180		53	19,380
150 160	30 18,540		21	161	24,700	161	77	26,100	161	56	24,980	161	78	26,380	161	05	22,180	160	52	19,100
150	30 18,540		22	52	24,700		75	26,100		57	24,980		80	26,380		05	22,180		50	19,100
150	30 18,540		23	52	24,700		76	26,100		57	24,980		75	26,100		00	21,900		50	19,100
150	30 18,540		24	52	24,700		76	26,100		54	24,980		75	26,100	161	00	21,900		48	19,100
150	30 18,540		25	52	24,700		75	26,100		51	24,700		70	25,820	160	05	21,630		50	19,100
150 160	60 19,600		26	161	24,980	161	75	26,100	161	48	24,700	161	70	25,820	00		21,340	160	46	18,820
150	60 19,600		27	60	25,260		73	26,100		45	24,420		70	25,820		00	21,340		42	18,540
150	60 19,600		28	62	25,260		70	25,820		48	24,700		70	25,820		88	21,340		40	18,540
150	62 19,660		29	62	25,260		70	25,820		45	24,420		68	25,820		85	21,060		35	18,260
150	62 19,660		30	62	25,260		68	25,820		48	24,700		65	25,540		80	20,780		30	17,980
150	62 19,660		31	62	25,260		68	25,820					60	25,260					30	17,980

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DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	160 30	17,980	160 40	18,540	150 85	15,550	.....	12,700	.....	16,500	162 05	22,.....
2	30	17,980	40	18,540	84	15,550	.....	12,700	160 07	16,580	.....	15 28,
3	30	17,980	35	18,200	83	15,550	.....	12,700	10	16,800	.....	16 28,
4	35	18,260	30	17,980	82	15,300	150 23	12,775	45	18,820	.....	20,
5	40	18,540	28	17,980	80	15,300	23	12,775	50	19,100	.....	20,
6	160 65	19,940	160 28	17,980	150 77	15,050	.....	12,800	100 40	18,540	162 50	30,
7	161 00	21,900	28	17,980	75	15,050	.....	12,800	48	19,100	.....	50 30,
8	05	22,180	25	17,700	72	14,800	.....	12,900	52	19,100	.....	55 30,
9	10	22,460	23	17,700	68	14,800	.....	12,900	65	19,940	30 20	.....
10	10	22,460	20	17,420	66	14,550	.....	12,900	.....	20,500	25 28,	.....
11	101 10	22,460	160 15	17,140	150 64	14,550	.....	12,900	160 85	21,000	.....	28,
12	10	22,460	12	16,890	62	14,300	150 20	12,950	.....	21,500	.....	28,
13	05	22,180	10	16,800	.....	14,300	.....	13,000	161 00	21,900	.....	28,
14	05	22,180	05	16,580	.....	14,000	.....	13,000	20	23,020	.....	28,
15	00	21,900	02	16,300	.....	14,000	.....	13,000	25	23,800	162 05	27,
16	160 05	21,620	160 00	16,300	.....	13,700	.....	13,100	.....	24,000	162 05	27,
17	70	20,220	00	16,300	.....	13,700	.....	13,100	161 40	24,140	03	27,
18	70	20,220	00	16,300	.....	13,400	.....	13,100	43	24,420	15	28,
19	70	20,220	150 98	16,300	.....	13,400	150 35	13,150	.....	24,600	01	27,
20	65	19,940	97	16,040	.....	13,100	.....	13,200	161 50	24,700	03	27,
21	160 60	19,660	150 96	16,050	150 30	13,100	.....	13,500	161 51	24,700	162 03	27,
22	55	19,380	95	16,050	.....	12,950	.....	13,800	55	24,980	00	27,
23	55	19,380	94	16,050	.....	12,700	.....	14,100	62	25,260	161 05	27,
24	55	19,380	93	16,050	.....	12,500	.....	14,400	70	25,820	00	26,
25	50	19,100	92	15,800	150 12	12,300	.....	14,700	74	26,100	80	26,
26	160 45	18,820	150 91	15,800	.....	12,400	.....	15,000	.....	26,400	161 89	26,
27	45	18,820	80	15,800	.....	12,400	.....	15,300	161 85	26,600	88	26,
28	45	18,820	84	15,800	.....	12,500	.....	15,600	88	26,940	.....	20,
29	43	18,820	88	15,800		12,500		15,900	91	26,940	80	20,
30	41	18,540				12,600		16,200	95	27,220	87	20,
31	40	18,540				12,600			98	27,500		

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DISCHARGE of

Winnipeg River, at Slave Falls, for 1912

JUNE	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Gauge Dis- Height charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge	Gauge Height	Dis- charge
Feet, (Sec. ft)	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.
162 05 22,780	1	161 90	27,220	162 05	27,780	161 99	27,500	163 300	163 25	34,500	162 60	30,800
0 15 28,340	2	80	26,940	05	27,780	90	27,500	30,500	25	34,500	60	30,800
0 15 28,340	3	87	26,680	01	27,500	162 00	27,500	30,700	25	34,500	60	30,800
0 20 29,000	4	84	26,680	05	27,780	17	30,020	35,900	25	34,500	60	30,800
0 20 29,000	5	79	26,380	09	28,060	35	29,100	31,100	20	34,220	60	30,800
162 50 30,500	6	161 75	26,100	162 05	27,780	162 16	28,340	31,300	163 15	33,940	162 60	30,800
0 50 30,300	7	76	26,100	10	28,060	25	28,900	31,420	15	33,940	50	30,300
0 55 30,580	8	78	26,380	05	27,780	25	28,900	31,420	15	33,940	50	30,300
0 30 29,180	9	76	26,100	05	27,780	26	28,500	31,700	15	33,940	50	30,300
0 25 28,900	10	76	26,100	06	27,780	25	28,000	31,980	15	33,940	50	30,300
0 28,700	11	161 75	26,100	162 07	27,780	162 24	28,900	32,510	163 15	33,940	162 10	29,740
0 28,400	12	75	26,100	08	28,060	25	28,900	32,820	19	34,660	10	29,740
0 28,200	13	75	26,100	09	28,060	25	28,900	33,100	19	34,660	10	29,740
0 28,000	14	75	26,100	03	27,780	25	29,000	33,380	19	34,660	30	29,180
0 162 05 27,780	15	77	26,100	03	27,780	26,200	163 05	33,380	162 90	32,510	30	29,180
0 03 27,780	16	161 79	26,380	162 03	27,780	29,500	163 06	33,380	85	32,260	162 30	29,180
0 15 28,340	17	80	26,380	02	27,500	29,500	10	33,660	85	32,260	20	28,620
0 01 27,500	18	78	26,380	01	27,780	29,600	10	33,660	85	32,260	20	28,620
0 03 27,780	19	75	26,100	05	27,780	29,800	15	33,940	85	32,260	20	28,620
0 162 03 27,780	20	76	26,100	161 98	27,500	29,900	20	34,220	85	32,260	20	28,620
0 00 27,500	21	161 74	26,100	162 00	27,500	30,020	163 28	34,780	162 80	31,980	162 20	28,620
50 161 95 27,220	22	70	25,850	05	27,780	16	30,020	34,780	80	31,980	20	28,620
0 80 26,380	23	75	26,100	03	27,780	18	30,300	34,780	80	31,980	20	28,620
0 88 26,940	24	77	26,100	161 98	27,500	51	30,300	34,500	80	31,980	20	28,620
0 26,940	25	79	26,380	162 00	27,500	58	30,860	34,500	75	31,700	20	28,620
0 26,940	26	161 80	26,380	00	27,500	162 57	30,500	34,220	162 75	31,700	162 20	28,620
0 85 26,940	27	84	26,680	00	27,500	56	30,580	34,220	75	31,700	20	28,620
0 85 26,940	28	85	26,680	00	27,500	56	30,580	34,220	75	31,700	20	28,620
0 87 26,680	29	89	26,940	164 00	27,500	16	30,020	34,500	75	31,700	20	28,620
0 00	30	90	26,940	162 00	27,500	30,100	25	34,500	75	31,700	10	28,060
	31	94	27,220	00	27,500			34,780				

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DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE OF

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1	162 1	28,060	162 1	28,060	160 9	21,340	159 9	15,800	160 89	21,340	162 81	31,98
2	0	27,500	1	28,060	9	21,340	95	16,030	161 11	22,460	94	32,82
3	0	27,500	1	28,060	9	21,340	95	16,030	18	23,020	89	32,55
4	0	27,500	1	28,060	8	20,780	100 0	16,300	27	23,300	96	32,82
5	0	27,500	1	28,060	8	20,780	0	16,300	51	24,700	163	90 33, 10
6	162 0	27,500	162 1	28,060	160 8	20,780	160 0	16,300	161 61	25,260	162	93 32, 8
7	0	27,500	1	28,060	8	20,780	0	16,300	72	25,820	96	32, 8
8	0	27,500	0	27,500	7	20,220	0	16,300	70	25,820	92	32, 5
9	0	27,500	0	27,500	7	20,220	0	16,300	82	26,380	163	93 33, 3
10	0	27,500	0	27,500	6	19,660	0	16,300	89	26,940	92	33, 1
11	162 0	27,500	162 0	27,500	160 6	19,660	160 05	16,580	161 98	27,500	163	95 33, 3
12	1	28,060	0	27,500	5	19,100	05	16,580	162 03	27,780	95	33, 3
13	1	28,060	0	27,500	5	19,100	05	16,580	03	27,780	11	33, 0
14	1	28,060	0	27,500	5	19,100	05	16,580	10	28,060	95	33, 3
15	1	28,060	161 9	26,940	4	18,540	05	16,580	11	28,060	162	94 32, 8
16	162 1	28,060	9	26,940	160 4	18,540	160 1	16,860	162 14	28,340	163	91 33, 1
17	1	28,060	8	26,380	4	18,540	1	16,860	12	28,060	92	33, 0
18	1	28,060	8	26,380	3	17,980	15	17,140	15	28,340	162	99 33, 1
19	1	28,060	6	25,260	3	17,980	15	17,140	37	29,460	94	32, 1
20	1	28,060	6	25,260	3	17,980	2	17,420	43	30,020	90	32, 1
21	162 1	24,060	161 3	23,580	160 2	17,420	160 2	17,420	162 43	30,020	162	88 32, 1
22	1	28,060	3	23,580	2	17,420	3	17,980	43	31,420	87	32, 1
23	1	28,060	2	23,020	1	16,860	3	17,980	68	31,420	95	32, 1
24	1	28,060	1	22,460	1	16,860	4	18,540	70	31,420	96	32, 1
25	1	28,060	1	22,460	1	16,860	5	19,100	78	31,980	85	32, 1
26	162 1	28,060	161 0	21,900	160 1	16,860	160 5	19,100	162 80	31,980	162	84 32, 1
27	1	28,060	0	21,900	1	16,860	6	19,660	76	31,700	85	32, 1
28	1	28,060	0	21,900	1	16,860	7	20,220	88	32,540	92	32, 1
29	1	28,060	0	21,900	0	16,300	7	20,220	86	32,260	85	32, 1
30	1	28,060	0	21,900	0	16,300	7	20,220	83	32,260	91	32, 1
31	1	28,060	0	21,900	159 9	15,800	7	20,220	86	32,260		

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Winnipeg River, near Slave Falls, for 1913.

JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
62 81 31,980		1 162 89	32,540	161 90	26,940	161 84	26,660	161 63	22,180	159 80	15,300	159 89	15,800
94 32,820		2 93	32,820	90	26,940	80	26,380	160 93	21,620	60	14,300	82	15,300
89 32,540		3 91	32,540	87	26,660	81	26,380	75	20,500	70	14,800	82	15,300
96 32,820		4 91	32,540	162 00	27,500	80	26,380	59	19,660	70	14,800	77	15,050
163 00 33,100		5 82	31,980	161 94	27,220	77	26,100	62	19,660	91	15,800	79	15,300
162 93 32,820		6 162 75	31,700	98	27,500	161 70	25,820	160 70	20,220	159 87	15,550	159 77	15,050
96 32,820		7 81	31,980	160 02	27,500	60	25,260	42	18,540	84	15,550	54	14,050
92 32,540		8 72	31,120	01	27,500	77	26,100	45	18,820	84	15,550	82	15,300
163 03 33,380		9 71	31,120	02	27,500	76	26,100	46	18,820	84	15,550	76	15,050
02 33,100		10 73	31,700	161 97	27,220	70	25,820	45	18,820		15,550	79	15,300
163 05 33,380		11 162 80	31,980	162 07	27,780	161 62	25,260	160 32	17,980		15,550	159 74	15,050
05 33,380		12 68	31,420	09	28,060	66	25,540	16	17,140		15,450	69	14,800
11 33,660		13 52	30,300	12	28,060	62	25,260	32	17,980		15,450	72	14,800
05 33,380		14 52	31,300	07	27,780	54	24,980	27	17,700		15,450	56	14,050
162 94 32,820		15 51	30,300	16	28,340	61	25,260	19	17,420		15,350	59	14,300
163 01 33,100		16 162 37	29,160	162 13	28,340	161 59	25,260	160 19	17,420	159 79	15,300	159 59	14,300
02 33,100		17 24	28,960	09	28,060	58	25,260	16	17,140		15,250	64	14,550
162 09 33,100		18 11	28,060	20	28,620	63	25,540	06	16,580		15,200	56	14,050
94 32,820		19 97	27,780	19	28,620	48	24,700	159 65	14,550		15,150	56	14,050
90 32,540		20 161 99	27,500	14	28,340	43	24,420	160 02	16,300		15,150	45	13,800
162 88 32,540		21 98	27,500	162 06	27,780	161 36	23,860	160 07	16,580		15,050	159 49	13,800
87 32,260		22 162 00	27,500	05	27,780	58	25,260	02	16,300		15,000	46	13,570
95 32,820		23 161 94	27,220	161 98	27,500	53	24,980	02	16,300	159 69	14,800	49	13,800
96 32,820		24 90	26,940	96	27,220	48	24,700	06	16,300		15,000	59	14,300
85 32,260		25 93	27,220	95	27,220	40	24,140	159 78	15,300		15,100	44	13,570
162 86 32,260		26 161 82	26,380	161 92	26,940	161 35	23,860	159 59	15,000		15,300	159 39	13,550
85 32,260		27 72	25,820	92	26,940	25	23,300	160 60	19,660	159 84	15,550	32	12,950
92 32,540		28 85	26,660	88	26,940	16	22,740	10	16,860	86	15,55	38	13,350
85 32,260		29 89	26,940	85	26,660	24	23,300	10	16,860	82	15,300	51	13,800
91 32,540		30 88	26,940	85	26,660	13	22,740	160 00	16,300	64	14,550	54	14,050
		31 89	26,940	78	25,380			00	16,300			51	13,800

TABLE No. 19.
MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River at Otter Falls, for 1907.
(Drainage area, 53,000 square miles.)

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				RUN-OFF. Depth in inches on drainage area.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
January	28,170	26,000	26,980	509	17
February	29,100	18,560	22,880	432	45
March	19,180	15,500	17,320	327	38
April	16,700	14,400	14,590	275	31
May	20,420	14,400	16,290	307	35
June	33,440	21,660	28,030	529	59
July	34,060	30,340	32,020	604	70
August	34,060	30,340	31,340	591	68
September	39,020	34,680	37,140	701	78
October	43,980	39,020	42,520	802	92
November	42,740	42,120	42,680	805	90
December	42,740	36,540	39,500	745	88
The year		14,400	29,460	556	7 00

NOTE.—These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant, city of Winnipeg, and at Pointe du Bois, Man., together with the discharge measurements taken by Pratt and Ross for the Street Railway Co., at Otter falls.
Gauge readings were commenced at Pointe du Bois on January 23, 1907, and hence, the discharge given for January, 1907, applies only for nine days, and the year period is for 365 days.

TABLE No. 20.
MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River at Otter Falls, for 1908.
(Drainage area, 53,000 square miles.)

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				RUN-OFF. Depth in inches on drainage area.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
January	40,260	35,340	36,880	696	8
February	40,880	32,820	36,650	692	7
March	33,440	28,480	31,380	592	7
April	29,100	27,240	28,500	538	6
May	37,780	29,100	32,600	615	7
June	43,980	38,400	41,640	786	8
July	43,980	41,500	42,980	811	9
August	41,500	37,780	39,560	747	8
September	39,020	33,440	35,900	677	7
October	34,680	30,340	33,040	623	6
November	30,340	25,380	28,400	536	5
December	24,760	21,660	23,340	440	4
The year	43,980	21,660	34,230	646	8

NOTE.—These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant, city of Winnipeg, Pointe du Bois, Manitoba, together with the discharge measurements taken by Pratt and Ross for the Street Railway Co., at Otter falls.

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TABLE No. 21.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River at Otter Falls, for 1909.

(Drainage area, 53,000 square miles.)

Depth in inches on drainage area.	MONTH	DISCHARGE IN SECOND FEET			RUN-OFF	
		Maximum	Minimum	Mean	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area
17	January	28,480	21,280	24,770	467	54
45	February	26,620	22,280	24,180	456	48
38	March	22,280	16,700	18,820	355	41
31	April	17,320	16,100	16,700	315	35
35	May	24,140	16,100	20,360	383	44
59	June	24,760	21,140	24,560	463	52
70	July	25,070	23,830	24,650	465	54
68	August	25,070	23,520	24,530	463	53
78	September	24,520	21,660	22,280	420	47
92	October	21,660	19,490	20,330	384	44
90	November	21,040	19,490	20,470	386	43
88	December	25,070	21,040	22,530	425	49
7 00	The year	28,480	16,100	22,010	415	5 64

NOTE These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant city of Winnipeg, Pointe du Bois, Man., together with the discharge measurements taken by Pratt and Ross, for the Street Railway Co. at Otter falls.

TABLE No. 22.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River at Otter Falls for 1910.

(Drainage area, 53,000 square miles.)

Depth in inches on drainage area.	MONTH	DISCHARGE IN SECOND FEET			RUN-OFF	
		Maximum	Minimum	Mean	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on Drainage Area.
80	January	27,240	24,140	25,260	477	55
75	February	24,760	24,140	24,280	458	48
68	March	24,140	22,900	23,830	450	52
70	April	50,240	25,380	39,900	753	84
71	May	53,440	50,880	52,820	997	1 15
88	June	52,160	43,360	48,690	919	1 03
94	July	43,050	27,550	36,950	697	80
86	August	28,480	21,970	24,700	466	54
94	September	21,660	18,560	19,630	370	41
86	October	18,250	15,500	17,000	321	37
77	November	15,500	13,450	14,280	270	30
72	December	13,450	12,400	12,920	244	28
61	The year	53,440	12,400	28,360	535	7 27

NOTE -These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant, city of Winnipeg, Pointe du Bois, Man., together with the discharge measurements taken by Pratt and Ross, for the Street Railway Co. at Otter falls.

TABLE No. 23.
MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River, at Slave falls for 1911.
(Drainage area, 52,000 square miles.)

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				Depth in inches of Drainage area.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
January	17,140	13,350	14,820	285	33
February	14,550	12,600	13,280	255	27
March	13,350	11,700	12,540	241	28
April	12,950	11,700	12,390	238	27
May	16,860	12,780	14,770	284	33
June	19,640	16,860	18,340	353	39
July	25,260	19,660	22,900	440	51
August	26,940	25,260	26,130	503	58
September	25,820	24,140	24,810	477	53
October	27,220	24,420	25,960	499	57
November	25,260	20,780	22,950	441	49
December	20,500	17,980	19,330	372	43
The year	27,220	11,700	19,060	36	4 99

NOTE.—These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant, Pointe du Bois, together with the discharge measurements taken by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey at Slave falls.

TABLE No. 24.
MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Winnipeg River, at Slave Falls, for 1912.
(Discharge area, 52,000 square miles.)

MONTH	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				Depth in inches of Drainage area.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
January	22,460	17,980	20,080	386	44
February	18,540	15,800	16,840	324	38
March	15,560	12,300	13,820	266	31
April	16,200	12,700	13,570	261	30
May	27,500	16,500	22,800	439	50
June	30,580	26,380	28,100	540	63
July	27,220	25,820	26,380	507	59
August	29,060	27,500	27,710	533	62
September	30,860	27,500	29,410	566	66
October	34,780	30,300	33,070	636	75
November	34,500	31,700	32,610	627	74
December	30,860	28,060	29,400	565	66
The year	34,780	12,300	24,510	471	6

NOTE.—These discharges were obtained by using the gauge heights recorded at the municipal power plant, Pointe du Bois, together with the discharge measurements taken by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey at Slave falls.

For the year 1912, stop logs were in place in the Norman Dam at the western outlet of the Lake of the Woods until October 4, 1912, when twenty stop logs were removed. On October 17, 1912, ten more stop logs were removed. These thirty logs remained out throughout the balance of the year. The Head Mill 'A,' Keewatin, was closed from June 22nd. to November 22nd., 1912.

Run-Off.

Depth in inches on Drainage area.	
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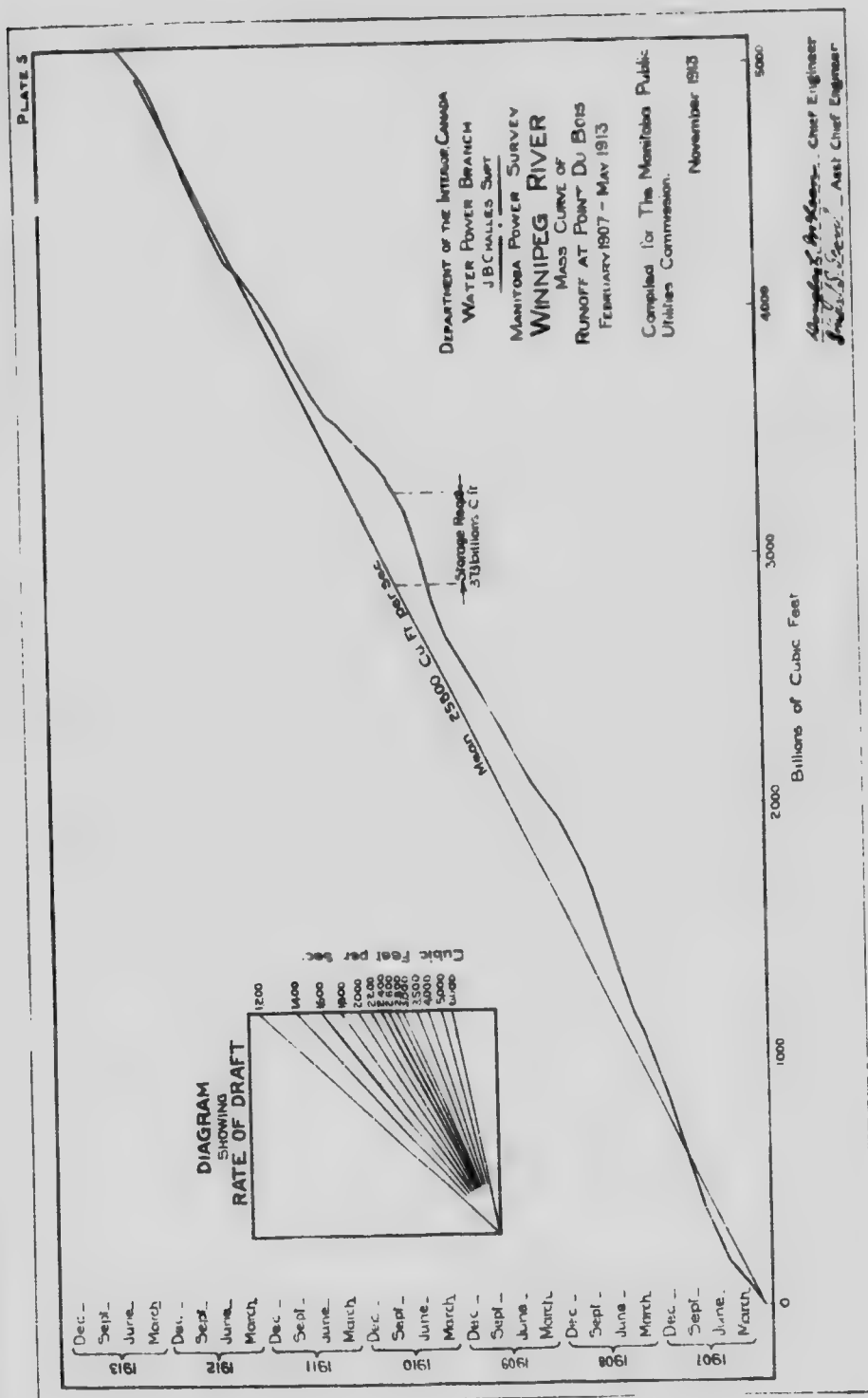
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Run-off.

square feet.	Depth in inches on Drainage area.
386	445
324	350
266	307
261	291
439	506
540	602
507	585
533	617
566	631
636	735
627	700
565	652
471	6446

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5.-EXISTING POWER PLANTS.

(a) *Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.*

The Winnipeg Electric Railway Company's development is situated some sixty miles from Winnipeg on the Pinawa or Lee channel. This channel is an old high-water channel of some 25 miles in length, which has been improved and is being further enlarged. The water for the plant is turned into the Pinawa channel by three diversion dams, the main of which consists of 1,332 feet of concrete-capped rock-fill across the main channel, connected with the banks on either side by concrete spillways, bringing the total length to 1,650 feet. Two small weirs of timber crib type span secondary channels. The water thus diverted flows down the improved channels to a control dam which is capable of shutting off the flow and returning a portion or all of it to the main river over the waste or diversion weir. From the control dam the water flows through the tortuous bed of the old high-water channel, the same having been deepened and partially straightened by excavation. This waterway, while at present capable of carrying in summer some 10,000 second-feet, is only able in winter, on account of the ice, to deliver about two-thirds of this amount. Below the power-house the tail-race has been improved by dredging and excavation. The power-house is situated at a bend in the river, where a concrete dam with arched spillway creates a thirty-nine foot head. The headworks are equipped with debris boom, ice-run, spillway, trash-racks and head gates. The electrical units of this plant consist of: Four 1,000 k.w. and five 2,000 k.w. revolving field, 60 cycle, 2,300 volt, three phase generators, together with two 125 k.w. direct current exciters. The generators are capable of carrying a 50 per cent overload, giving in all a total output of 21,000 k.w. or 28,200 horse-power. When 21,000 k.w. are available at this plant for peak loads, an additional 9,000 can be obtained from an auxiliary steam turbine station at Winnipeg, operated by the company. The electric energy is transmitted to the city of Winnipeg at 60,000 volts over a 65-mile transmission line.

(b) *City of Winnipeg Municipal Plant.*

The municipal power development of the city of Winnipeg is situated some seventy-seven miles northeast from Winnipeg at Pointe du Bois on the Winnipeg river. This plant consists essentially of a large concrete power station, with retaining walls and spillways forming the forebay, the entrance to which is controlled by a stoplog sluiceway type of headgate. Two concrete weirs or spill dams control the elevation of the head-waters, and, together with a rock-fill dam, divert the water to the forebay for use at the power-house.

This power concentration has created a head varying from 44 to 48 feet, with a pondage of seven square miles above the plant. This pondage is a great asset during periods of peak loads.

The development is designed for an ultimate installation of 16 units, each consisting of two-runner high speed turbines rated at 5,200 horse-power for 46 feet head, and a 3-phase 3,000 kilowatt generator. The final installation would give 48,000 kilowatts, with turbines of a maximum capacity of 83,200 horse-power. As each turbine unit requires 1,250 second-feet under maximum output at a net head of 45 feet and running at 164 revolutions per minute, the total water required would be 20,000 second-feet, plus the water for the two small exciter units.

The present installation consists of five generators of 3,000 kilowatts each and two exciters of 250 kilowatts each, making a total of 15,500 kilowatts, and at a maximum load requires 7,800 second-feet.

The electric energy is transmitted to the city of Winnipeg at 66,000 volts over a 77-mile transmission line, built on a municipally-owned 100-foot right of way. The conductors are of aluminum, supported on steel towers throughout. A duplicate line is now under consideration.

6. - BASIS OF DISCUSSION ON GOVERNMENT POWER PROPOSALS.

The cost estimates for the Government power proposals on the Winnipeg river refer in all cases to the capital cost of installation, and are based on both initial and final development. The initial development is designed to utilize at each site the present minimum flow of the river, *i.e.*, 12,000 second-feet, or such portion of it as may be available at the particular site in question. The final development is designed to utilize at each site, a regulated flow of 20,000 second-feet, or such portion of it as may be available at the site. After the diversion of sufficient water into the Pinawa channel to properly operate the plant of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company, there would remain for use at Seven Sisters, in the main river, about 4,000 second-feet, or such portion of it as may be available at the site. The available power of 12,000 second-feet under unregulated and regulated conditions of the river, respectively. It is important to note that it is on this basis that the available power of the Seven Sisters sites is discussed.

In order that the power sites could be compared on a rational and equitable basis, all the layouts and designs have been standardized in so far as possible, giving consideration to the varying heads, and to the local physical conditions at each individual site. No allowance has been made in the estimate for transmission, the cost being in all cases the capital cost for power on the low tension switchboard in the power-house, and the power being considered as straight 24-hour power at 75 per cent efficiency, based on the flow. This forms a very conservative basis. Transmission costs are omitted from the estimates, as it is impossible to foretell the use to which the power at the various sites may be applied when developed, and a straight comparison of the sites as they stand is desired. The costs given herewith may be slightly altered upon final revision.

In all cases the dams are designed in solid concrete, with ample discharge capacity to pass the severest floods to be anticipated. The power stations have been developed on single runner vertical turbine installations, varied for the different heads and to meet local conditions.

A continuous profile of the river to sea-level datum was run at the beginning of the field work, and forms the groundwork upon which the whole survey was developed. Recognition of the future needs of navigation has been given, and provision made for permanent work for the accommodation, if necessary, of future lockage facilities. The different sites has been made.

7. GOVERNMENT POWER PROPOSALS.

(a) Slave Falls Site.

The proposed development at Slave falls concentrates a head of 26 feet, formed by the combination of the Slave and Eight-Foot falls. The dam runs along the crest of the falls and, curving downstream through an arc of about 90 degrees, connects with the power station on the right bank of the river. Provision has been made for the future installation of a lock on the left bank.

The head and tail-water elevation, as at present proposed, are 928 and 900 feet, respectively. The initial installation on which the estimate is made provides for 5,000 horse-power turbines sufficient to provide for a flow of 12,000 second-feet at $\frac{1}{10}$ gate, with a spare machine for emergencies. On a 75 per cent efficiency, on this basis, 26,600 horse-power will be available at a capital cost of \$93.45 per horse-power at the low tension switchboard. The final installation provides thirteen 5,000 horse-power turbines, sufficient for a flow of 20,000 second-feet at $\frac{1}{10}$ gate, with a spare machine. On a 75 per cent efficiency, 24-hour basis, 44,400 horse-power will be available at a cost of \$83.30 per horse-power at the switchboard.

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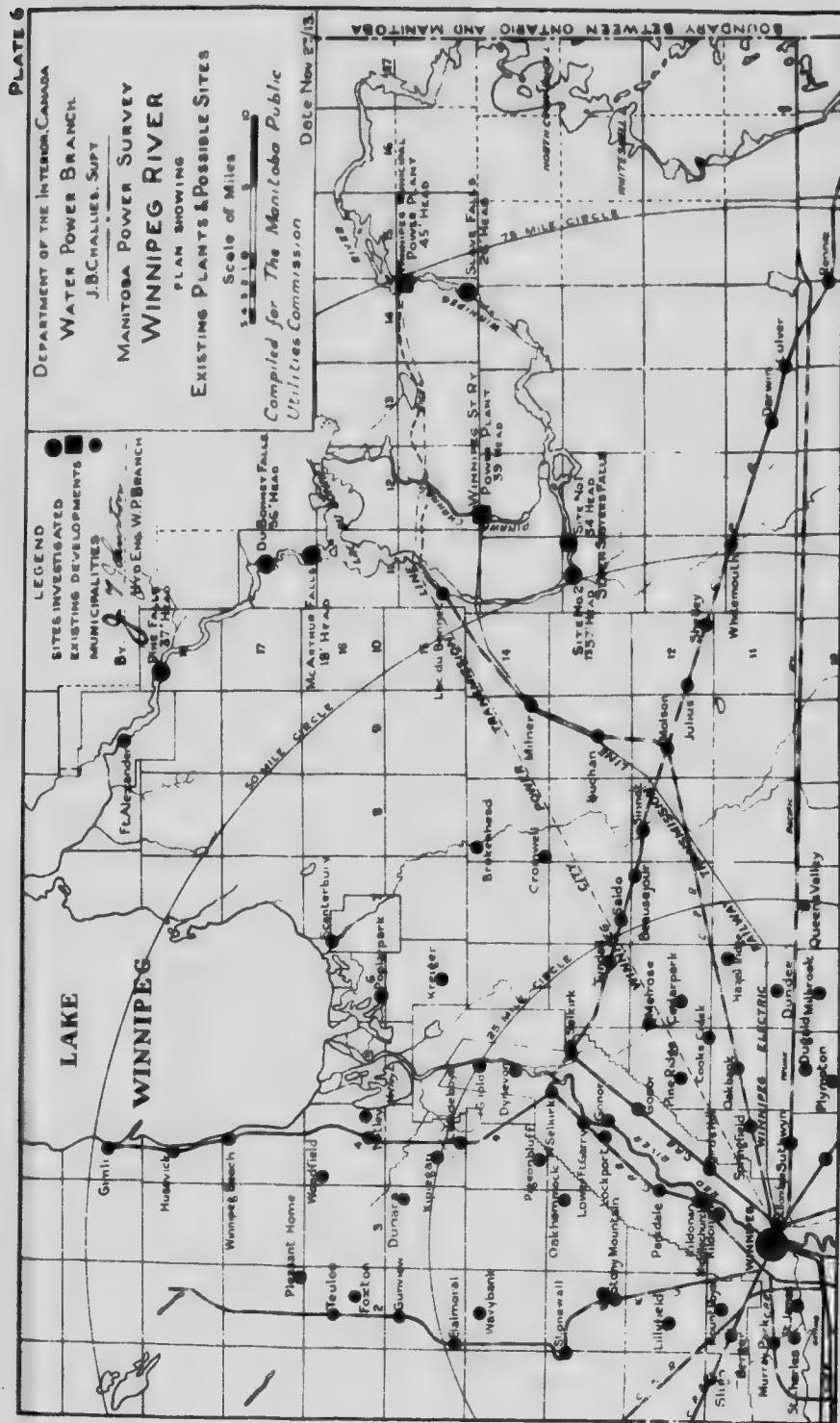
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The Seven Sisters Falls

No detail work has as yet been possible covering the best method of development of this reach of the river. However, it is considered that it can ultimately be developed at two sites of about 34 and 37 feet head, respectively. After providing sufficient water for the plant of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company on the Pinawa channel, it is doubtful whether any development of the Seven Sisters falls will be feasible until the flow of the river can be regulated to at least 20,000 second-feet, by means of storage in the upper waters. The power available at the 34-foot site, under unregulated conditions, is about 11,000 horse-power and, under regulated conditions, 34,800 horse-power. Similarly, the 37-foot site will render available 12,000 horse-power and 39,700 horse-power respectively.

(c) McArthur Site.

At the lower of the two McArthur falls, a head of 18 feet awaits development. The river is here divided into two channels by a large island. The general layout consists of a solid concrete spillway along the crest of the fall on the right or main channel, and a long spillway and embankment, including sluiceway provision, running diagonally across the island, and connecting with the power station spanning the left channel. Provision is made on the island for the future construction of a lock.

The head-water elevation is at present fixed at 827, i.e., about the highest recorded water level of Lac du Bonnet. The tail-water is proposed at 809, giving a head of 18 feet.

The initial installation provides for eleven 2,500 horse-power turbines, sufficient to provide for 12,000 second-feet at $\frac{3}{4}$ gate, with a spare machine for emergency. On a 75 per cent efficiency, 24-hour basis, 18,400 horse-power will be available at a capital cost of \$123 per horse-power at the low tension switchboard. The final installation provides for seventeen 2,500 horse-power units on a basis of a 20,000 second-feet flow and 75 per cent efficiency, 24-hour power, i.e., of 39,700 horse-power. The cost per horse-power on the switchboard is \$97.50. This site can be regarded as a much more favourable aspect, when the local storage available in Lac du Bonnet (whose 32 square miles form the head-waters) is taken into consideration.

(d) Du Bonnet Site.

The proposed scheme of development at the Du Bonnet falls will ultimately concentrate there a head of 56 feet, made up of the Grand and Little du Bonnet falls, and the Whitemud falls. The latter will be added by blasting out the rock bridge over which the present fall takes place. The dam, consisting of embankment, spillway and sluiceway sections, leaves the left bank and crosses the river on the brink of the Little du Bonnet falls, connecting with the power station which parallels the right shore line below the pitch. Ice sluices and embankment connect the power station with the high land on the right bank. Provision is made for future lockage facilities on this bank.

The head-water elevation has been fixed at 808, with the tail-water at 76' previous to the blasting out of the Whitemud falls, and 752 subsequent thereto. This secures a head of 46 feet for the preliminary, and 56 feet for the final installation.

The initial installation is figured on seven 10,000 horse-power turbine units, utilizing 12,000 second-feet at $\frac{3}{4}$ gate and 46-foot head. This on the same basis as set out above, will render available 47,100 horse-power at a capital cost of \$59.40 per horse-power at the low tension switchboard. An intermediate installation, comprising 12 units and providing capacity for 20,000 second-feet at 46-foot head, and producing 78,700 horse-power has also been estimated. The cost of the power at the switchboard for this intermediate installation is \$68.90 per horse-power. The final installation cost

fourteen 10,000 horse-power units, for the development of 20,000 second feet at foot head, the extra 10 feet being secured by the removal of the Whitemud falls. On the same basis as set out above, 95,500 24-hour horse-power will be available at a cost of \$70.70 per horse-power on the switchboard.

(c) *Pine Falls Site.*

The Pine falls development will concentrate the natural drop of the Pine Silver falls, giving a head of 37 feet. The dam runs diagonally across the river on the right bank, and joins directly to the power station, which forms a continuation of the dam. The power station is connected with the high ground on the left bank by sluices and embankment. Provision is made for lockage facilities on this bank.

The head and tail-water elevations have been placed at 750 and 713 respectively. As the tail-water is practically lake Winnipeg level, it will vary from year to year with the level of the lake. The installation in the power station has not been finally determined, but the following estimates of the capital cost of the power are considered to be fairly close. The initial installation will provide for the development of 12,000 second-feet at 37-foot head, i.e., 37,900 horse-power on the 75 per cent efficiency hour basis, at a cost of \$80.30 per horse-power on the switchboard. The final installation provides for 20,000 second-feet, and renders available, on the above basis, 60,000 horse-power at a cost of \$70.70 per horse-power on the switchboard.

8.—SUMMARY OF THE POWER POSSIBILITIES OF THE WINNIPEG RIVER.

Plate No. 8 is a tabulation of the powers, developed and undeveloped, of the Winnipeg river, under regulated and unregulated conditions. The undeveloped power is considered on a 75 per cent efficiency, 24-hour basis, and the capital cost per horse-power is given in terms of this power, estimated to the low tension switchboard in the power house.

Attention is called to the circular diagrams on plates No. 9 and No. 10 as illustrating, in a graphical manner, the developed and undeveloped power conditions of the river, under unregulated and regulated river flow.

TABLE of Developed and Undeveloped Power on the Winnipeg River.

PLATE No. 8.

PLANT OR SITE.	Head-water Elevation.	Tail-water Elevation.	Height.	TURBINE CAPACITY AT FULL GATE AT GOVT. PROPOSALS.		H.P. AT 75' EFF. ON A 24 H.P. RA. IS.		H.P. Developed.	CAPITAL COST PER H.P. ON SWITCHBOARD.		REMARKS.
				12000 sec. ft.	20000 sec. ft.	12000 sec. ft.	20000 sec. ft.		12000 sec. ft.	20000 sec. ft.	
Winnipeg Municipal Plant...	975.7	939.7	45			46,100	76,900	20,800	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Slave Falls Site	928	902	26	40,000	65,000	26,000	44,400	28,200	93.45	83.30	Located on Pinawa channel. Less discharge down Pinawa channel.
Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. Plant.	879.4	840.4	39			11,000	34,800				
First Site, Seven Sisters.			34			12,600	37,000				
Second Site, Seven Sisters.			37	27,500	42,500	18,400	30,700				
McArthur Site.	827	800	18	70,000	130,000	47,100	78,700		123.00	97.50	
Du Bonnet Site		762	46			56,300	95,500		73.40	68.90	Preliminary head.
Pine Site.		752	36	55,000	95,000	37,900	63,100		70.70	70.70	Final head.
		713	37						80.30		

Total power with unregulated river (12,000 second foot min. flow) 238,700 horse power.

Total power with regulated river (20,000 second foot reg. flow) 411,400 horse power.

Total power developed to date 49,000 horse power.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12, 1913.

9.—FUTURE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE WINNIPEG RIVER POWERS.

With regard to the future economic value of the powers of the Winnipeg river one could not do better than quote from a report made to the Department of the Interior in September, 1911, by Mr. J. R. Freeman, one of the consulting engineers retained by the department for advice in connection with water-power matters. Mr. Freeman says:—

'Economy and Conservation.—While water-power opportunities on the Winnipeg river may have a very few years ago appeared so far beyond possible use that ordinary economies were unnecessary, it is, I believe, plain to-day beyond serious question that all of the remaining opportunities for power should be carefully conserved and only developed under such conditions as will not necessitate any great waste or the impairment of remaining opportunities.

'Sundry remarkable electro-chemical processes have been very recently invented, which promise to be of great future benefit to agriculture and other arts. Fertilizer for farmers' use is now being successfully made by electricity from the nitrogen of the air, and great water-powers in Norway are now being developed for these purposes in addition to those already in use, and recent developments have also been made of similar processes not far from the southern boundary of Canada.

'The great uses of hydro-electric power at Niagara falls and at the Sault for making aluminum, carbide for gas lighting, bleaching powders, and caustic soda and sundry other important products, were unknown only a few years ago. Indeed, it may be said that every one of the electro-chemical processes now located at Niagara falls has been invented since the first of the large hydro-electric power stations was built at that point. It is idle to say that the era of important electro-chemical invention is yet more than begun and, with the many able investigators now earnestly working on these lines in many parts of the world, great additional discoveries and commercial developments in the application of cheap electric power are almost sure to come, particularly in metallurgy, or the reduction of ores.

'The Winnipeg Market now Fully Supplied.—The city of Winnipeg will soon have all the power that it needs for public service corporation and for any conceivable manufacturing purposes likely to locate in or near the city for perhaps a score of years to come, from the railway company's plant already in use and to-day understood to be delivering about 22,000 horse-power and from the new municipal hydro-electric power plant at Pointe du Bois, now nearing completion, with a first installation of 26,000 horse-power, and with works planned to be extended to more than three times that capacity.

'Thus these two plants will be capable of delivering to Winnipeg more than 100,000 horse-power of 24-hour electrical energy, a quantity which can be best appreciated by a statement that it is far greater than the total water-power at Lowell, Lawrence, Manchester and Holyoke combined.

'A possible Field for Use.—The best use that I can foresee for the vast water-powers now remaining untouched upon the Winnipeg river is as the basis for founding three or four new industrial cities based upon electro-chemical industry, very much as water-power was the basis for creating, years ago, the cities of Lowell, Lawrence, Manchester, Holyoke, Bellowa Falls, and as, in recent years, it has brought together hundreds of new homes at Niagara Falls, Shawinigan Falls and at the Sault.

'We cannot to-day say what the line of manufacture may be, for the electro-chemical arts are still in a state of ferment and creation. It has

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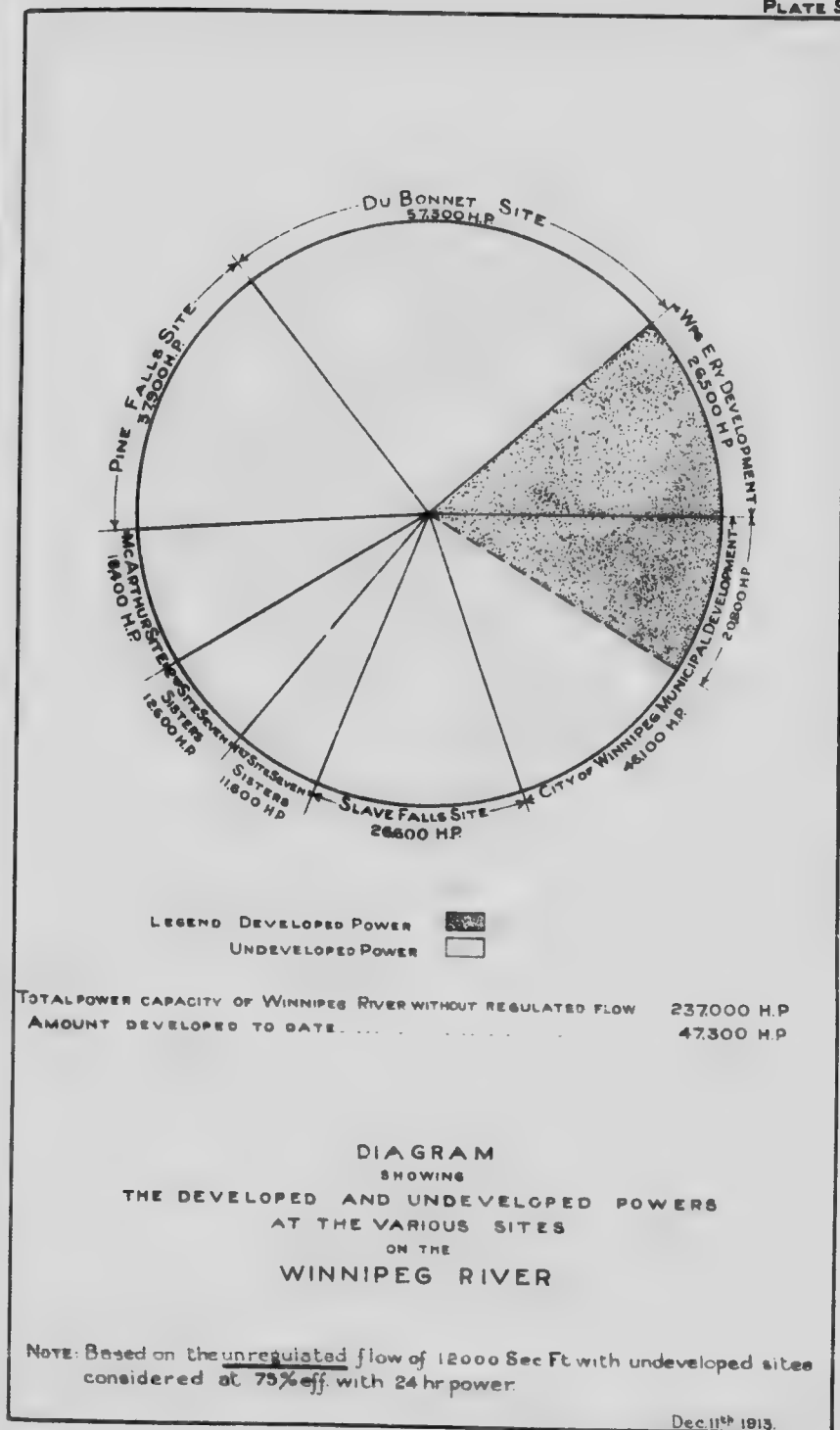
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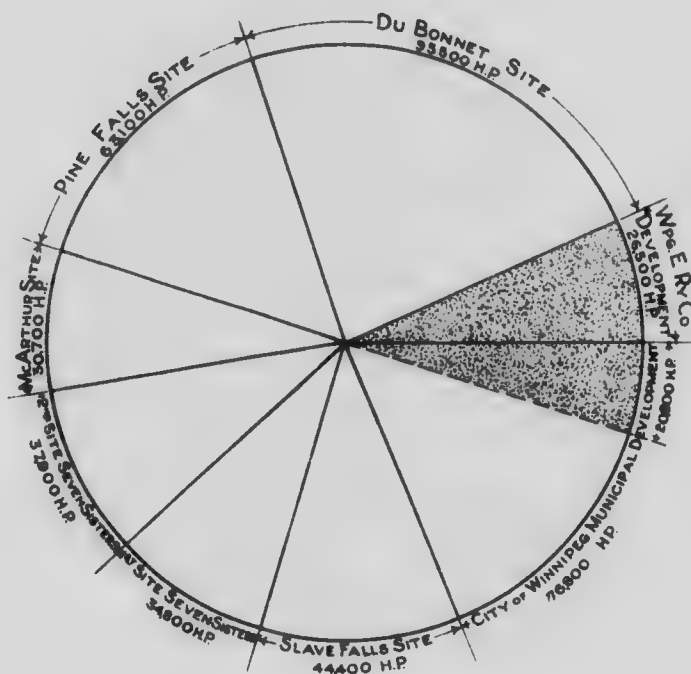
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NOTE: Based on a regulated flow of 20,000 Sec Ft. with undeveloped sites considered at 75% eff. with 24 hr power

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already been demonstrated that by electric smelting, steel for the manufacture of tools can be made having a quality and value difficult to obtain otherwise. Fertilizer, in the form of artificial saltpetre, is being produced commercially in large quantities under German processes, while carbide, carborundum, aluminum and numerous other useful products are being made by electro-chemical means in great quantity at Niagara and elsewhere, and sooner or later the time will come when fertilizers will not be scorned by the farmers of the Canadian Northwest. There is promise of new metallurgical processes for which electricity is a necessity, and the price per pound of several of these products is such that they could stand a considerable cost of freighting to their markets, and such that a power capable of being developed in so vast quantity at one point and at so low a cost per horse-power as appears practicable at three of the sites along the Winnipeg river, will surely be very attractive.'

'These New Industries must Locate Close to the Water Fall.—These electro-chemical processes, when carried on in the large commercial way, demand that the work be done close to the point where the power is generated, for two reasons: First, because although the air-saltpetre process uses alternating current, most electro-chemical processes require the direct current at low voltage which cannot be transmitted to great distances with anything like the facility of alternating current; and second, because, in order to attract these processes, it is necessary that the cost per horse-power be the very lowest and not overloaded by the cost of long transmission lines or the percentage of power necessarily lost in such transmission.

'Wherever a new industrial centre, with some hundreds of homes, can be established in the wilderness within a hundred miles of Winnipeg, it will add to Winnipeg's prosperity in a degree but little less than if located within its borders, and will add to the prosperity of the province by the new opportunities that it brings for employment, the diversity that it adds to its business interests and by the money that it will put into circulation. It is plain that many of the recent power developments made in various parts of America, from which the power is transmitted long distances to displace steam power in populous centres, results in putting a much larger number of men out of work than it sets at work. Such a development is of less benefit to the country than the early water-power developments which are used locally in creating the cities already named, in building hundreds of new homes and in setting thousands of men working at new opportunities.'



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Winnipeg River Point-du-Bon Municipal Power Plant
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Winnipeg River Point-du-Bon Municipal Power Plant
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Pinawa Channel - Central Dam taken from point
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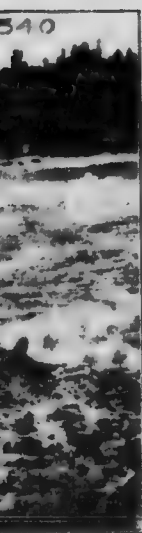


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Winnipeg River. Fine Fall Run. Drop.





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CHAPTER IV

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WHITEMOUTH RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Whitemouth river, see plate No. 11, has its source in Whitemouth lake, which is located in the southeasterly part of the province of Manitoba. The general direction of the river is northeasterly from its source to the point where it joins the Winnipeg river, just below the Seven Sisters rapids.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The drainage area of the river is 1,566 square miles. The lower section of this area is narrow and mostly broken up in farm lands, while the upper section spreads out and is part of what is known as the Julius muskeg.

C.—BED AND BANKS.

The bed of the river consists almost entirely of boulder clay, with occasional outcrops of rock in the lower reaches, crossing the river at right angles. These rock outcrops do not appear above bed elevation except in the vicinity of Whitemouth falls at the mouth of the river. The banks throughout, with the above exception, are composed of a sandy clay, and rise to a height of approximately 50 feet. In some localities this height is reached by a quick slope from the water's edge, while in others the slope is more gradual, running back for a distance of 400 feet.

D.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

For a distance of about two miles from the mouth of the river there is a large amount of valuable standing timber, including oak, spruce and poplar, but as its course is followed southward it is found that the land has been cleared off, partly by fire and partly by the efforts of the settlers in breaking up the land for farming purposes, so that only occasional clumps of poplar, ash and elm are encountered. Throughout the upper reaches of the river the land is mostly covered with small tamarack, spruce and scrub.

E.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—From the meteorological reports at Oakbank, to the west of the drainage basin, and at Kenora to the east, extending over a period of 22 and 9 years, respectively, it is found that the mean annual precipitation for the section of the country covered by the drainage area is approximately 21 inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—A metering station was established on the river at the town of Whitemouth, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, in May of the year 1912. During the years of 1912-13, there have been twelve discharge measurements made at this station, the results of which are shown in table No. 25.

Daily gauge height records have also been kept at this point, and these, with their assumed daily discharges, are tabulated in tables No. 26 and No. 27.

F.—POWER SURVEY.

A reconnaissance survey of the river from the mouth up to the C.P.R. crossing the town of Whitemouth was made by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey in June of the present year.

G.—POWER POSSIBILITIES.

The reconnaissance profile on plate No. 11A of the power survey, shows the difference in elevation from the mouth of the river to the town of Whitemouth to be 20 feet, or 2.6 feet per mile.

Site No. 1.—Part of this drop could be concentrated at the falls at the mouth of the river, and a head of 20 feet obtained.

Site No. 2.—About three miles below the town of Whitemouth a head of approximately 20 feet is obtainable, the high banks lending themselves to successful development without flooding any considerable area of valuable land.

H.—WATER-POWER.

Based on the estimates of flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, the following table gives the power available per foot head at an 80 per cent efficiency, and computed on a low flow of 25 second-feet, and also for the lowest monthly mean discharge (100 second-feet) for a period of six months from May to October. In this latter case the estimated power only relates to the period as above stated:—

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in Feet.	Minimum flow 25 sec.-ft.	Flow 100 sec.-ft. Period May to October.
1	2.3	9.0
10	23	90
20	46	180

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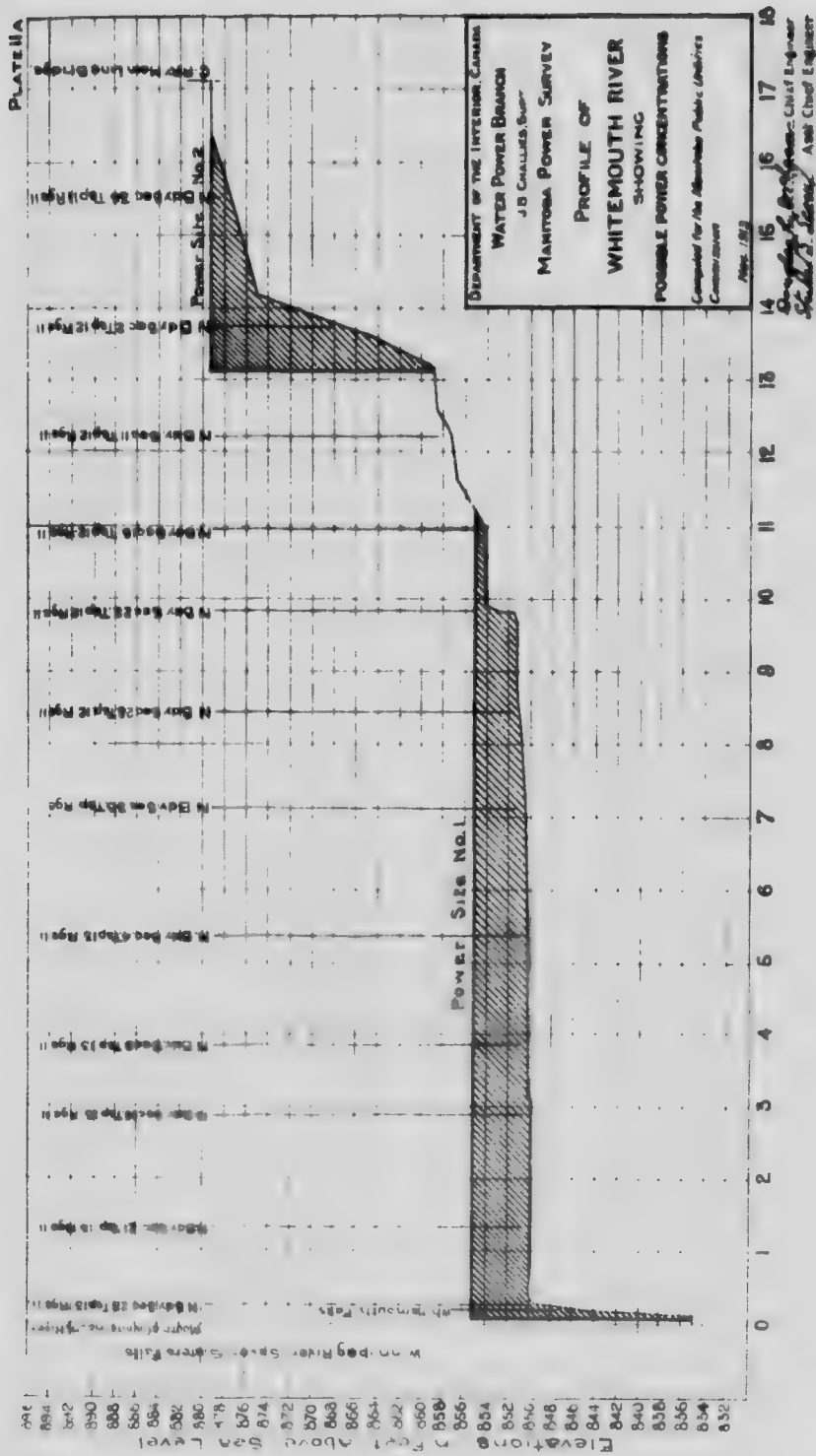
DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Whitemouth River at Whitemouth, 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.
1912.							
May 20.....	G. H. Burnham	1187	162	990.5	2.20	4.86	2.1
June 20.....	"	1187	151	629.4	1.07	2.48	1.1
July 13.....	"	1187	158	749.9	1.41	3.08	1.3
July 15.....	"	1187	158.5	858.4	1.67	3.70	1.5
Aug. 9.....	W. G. Worden	1187	149.7	699.6	1.30	2.95	1.2
Sept. 3.....	"	1187	149.7	835.0	1.59	3.72	1.5
Oct. 15.....	R. H. Nelson	1187	172.0	936.8	2.02	4.48	1.9
1913.							
Jan. 24.....	A. Pirie	1469	110.0	188.6	0.145	1.22	0.1
Apr. 18.....	"	1186	154.0	752.0	1.65	3.29	1.3
May 9.....	G. Ebner	1186	151.0	732.1	1.34	2.92	1.2
Aug. 15.....	W. J. Ireland	1469	143.0	578.0	0.68	1.95	0.7
Sept. 21.....	C. O. Allen	1435	136.0	512.2	0.30	1.44	0.4

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1 22	27
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TABLE No. 26
FORTY-GAUGED, HAMILTON AND DISCHARGE, WHITE-MOUTH, RIVER AT TIDE-BRIDGE, WHITE-MOUTH, FOR 1912

Date	May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
1	4.37	1829	3.75	347	3.30	1130	3.67	1336	4.77	2109	3.20	1305	3.94	2045	4.77	2109
2	4.05	1695	3.66	304	3.04	982	3.71	1382	4.68	2045	3.94	1331	3.94	2045	4.68	2045
3	3.92	1578	3.51	296	2.93	922	3.70	1357	4.52	1934	3.81	1270	3.81	1934	4.52	1934
4	4.10	1900	3.71	314	3.61	746	4.23	1531	4.49	1915	3.91	1362	3.91	1915	4.49	1915
5	4.15	1925	3.80	340	3.69	740	4.11	1647	4.38	1857	3.84	1465	3.84	1857	4.38	1857
6	4.05	1865	3.69	310	3.58	730	4.11	1647	4.38	1856	3.75	1468	3.75	1836	4.38	1836
7	3.82	1463	3.43	433	3.62	731	4.02	1684	4.32	1794	3.62	1323	3.62	1794	4.32	1794
8	3.75	1414	3.34	410	3.73	812	3.91	1512	4.32	1794	3.51	1256	3.51	1794	4.32	1794
9	3.64	1336	3.15	371	3.92	916	3.87	1586	4.30	2130	3.42	1262	3.42	2130	4.30	2130
10	3.24	1094	2.60	270	3.92	916	3.92	1518	4.30	2130	3.35	1196	3.35	2130	4.30	2130
11	3.23	1088	2.64	282	3.91	911	3.90	1531	4.29	2123	3.31	1186	3.31	2123	4.29	2123
12	3.04	982	2.63	257	3.91	911	3.90	1531	4.23	2063	3.25	1118	3.25	2063	4.23	2063
13	3.02	971	2.61	257	3.91	911	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
14	2.98	949	2.56	226	3.91	911	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
15	3.82	861	3.26	338	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
16	3.75	839	3.21	388	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
17	3.74	820	3.21	388	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
18	3.74	820	3.21	388	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
19	3.74	820	3.21	388	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
20	3.74	820	3.21	388	3.52	755	3.90	1531	4.23	2067	3.25	1118	3.25	2067	4.23	2067
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DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Whitman

DAY	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
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							5 82	2873	2 50	10
					1 14		6 25	3148	2 54	10
			1 16				5 48	2855	2 51	10
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12							4 88	2771	2 80	9
13							4 82	2733	2 70	9
14							4 76	2704	2 62	9
15							3 29	1754	2 62	9
16							3 25	1728	2 58	9
17							3 25	1728	2 52	9
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19							3 21	1707	2 45	9
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21							3 50	1746	2 43	9
22							3 66	1700	2 41	9
23	1 54						3 72	1729	2 39	9
24							3 72	1729	2 36	9
25							3 70	1716	2 35	9
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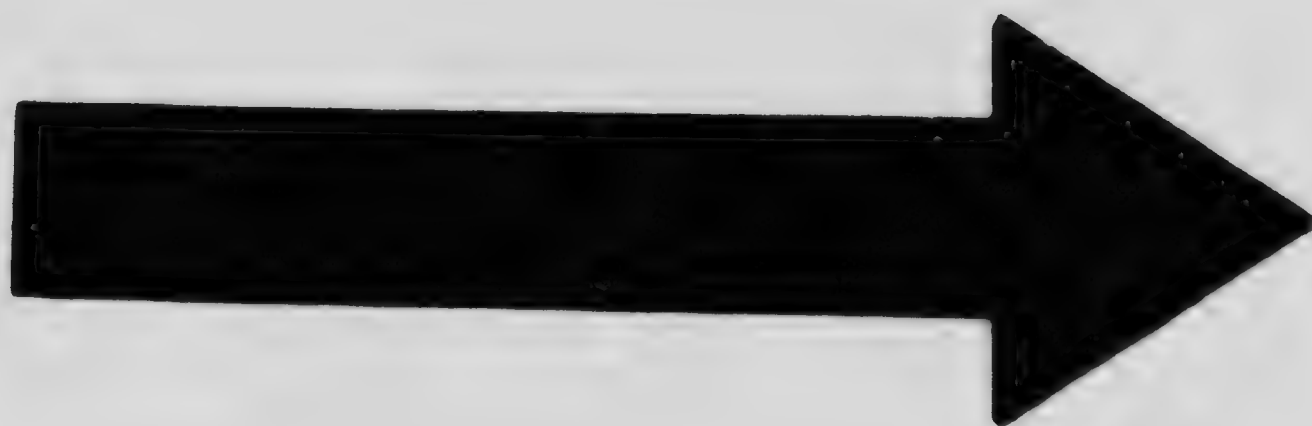
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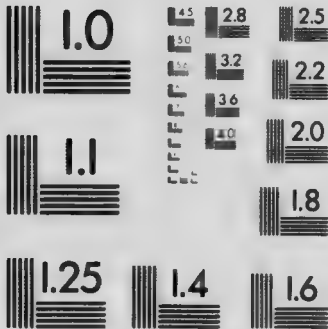
River at Traffic Bridge, Whitemouth, for 1913

MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.	
Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.	Gauge Ht.	Dis- charge.
Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
23	1279	1	2.10	620	2.30	658	1.46	1.40	2.08	479	1.38
20	1254	2	2.27	601	2.53	707	1.42	1.49	2.09	447	1.34
21	1202	3	2.27	588	2.51	754	1.36	1.83	1.93	396	1.26
15	1101	4	2.25	568	2.48	735	1.34	1.28	1.93	383	1.24
12	1115	5	2.25	588	2.30	658	1.28	1.14	1.88	351	1.28
09	1126	6	2.33	630	2.26	607	1.28	1.14	1.83	319	1.33
00	1068	7	2.61	818	2.19	550	1.22	1.02	1.76	288	1.31
00	1068	8	2.52	791	2.06	466	1.18	0.94	1.71	255	1.29
02	1017	9	2.43	703	2.06	466	1.14	87	1.63	231	1.38
0	1017	10	2.37	652	2.00	428	1.11	82	1.68	212	1.46
0	1012	11	2.31	575	2.08	479	1.08	77	1.79	225	1.58
14	1030	12	2.18	513	2.18	543	1.08	77	1.62	216	2.15
01	1010	13	2.21	562	2.76	914	1.04	72	1.60	208	2.75
88	991	14	2.17	537	3.05	1100	1.62	216	1.55	196	3.01
80	940	15	2.08	479	3.10	1132	1.81	326	1.48	166	3.06
70	876	16	2.08	479	3.26	1281	2.30	675	1.46	160	3.09
62	825	17	1.86	351	2.95	1671	2.62	825	1.38	138	3.03
62	825	18	1.86	338	2.83	959	2.76	914	1.46	160	2.94
58	799	19	1.74	270	2.61	818	2.71	882	1.48	291	2.57
52	761	20	1.76	280	2.54	774	2.66	850	1.54	186	2.90
49	742	21	1.68	249	2.36	658	2.63	831	1.51	171	2.88
45	716	22	1.67	257	2.29	636	2.54	774	1.50	172	2.78
43	703	23	1.60	268	2.20	556	2.48	735	1.48	166	2.77
41	690	24	1.58	261	2.13	511	2.46	722	1.48	166	2.70
39	678	25	1.52	179	2.08	479	2.38	671	1.46	160	2.66
35	652	26	1.49	160	1.96	402	2.38	671	1.42	149	2.60
35	652	27	1.45	158	1.82	313	2.29	614	1.43	152	2.51
33	639	28	1.45	158	1.69	246	2.21	562	1.41	146	2.55
30	620	29	1.67	237	1.68	242	2.18	50	1.38	138	2.53
28	607	30	1.82	313	1.55	190	2.12	505	1.56	133	2.51
		31			1.41	186	2.14	518		9.56	



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THE BROKENHEAD RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Brokenhead river (see plate No. 11) flows into the southeasterly section of lake Winnipeg. It drains a long narrow strip of land lying between the watershed of the Winnipeg and Whitemouth rivers on the east, and the Red river on the west.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The drainage area of the river is 910 square miles, its greatest width being twenty-two miles and its length, from mouth to head-waters, seventy-five miles. The greater part of this area is low-lying and marshy land, though along the banks of the river a certain amount of reclamation work has been done in the lower reaches, and the land is broken up for farming purposes.

In the upper basin of the river much of the land is swampy and cannot be settled or cultivated until some system of drainage has been carried out.

C.—BED AND BANKS.

The bed and banks of the river are composed of sandy clay, intermixed in some sections with large boulders.

The banks, as a general rule, are low-lying, and rise above the bed of the stream from five to ten feet.

D.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall*.—From rainfall records obtained, it is found that the mean annual precipitation in the drainage basin of the river is 22 inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—A metering station was established on the river at the village of Sinnott in May of the year 1912 by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, and since that time continuous observations as to flow have been made.

These observations include eleven meterings taken during the different stages of the river, the results of which are shown in table No. 28.

Daily gauge height records have also been kept at the metering station and the with their estimated daily discharges, are shown in tables No. 29 and No. 30.

E.—POWER POSSIBILITIES.

There has been no survey work done on this river with the view to locating power sites, and it is doubtful, considering the nature of the country through which it flows, if there are any such on the river. If any should be located, the development of the same would necessarily be for operation only through the open season, as it has been found that flow is liable to be completely cut off during the winter months.

The fall in the river from the village of Sinnott to lake Winnipeg, a distance of approximately forty miles, is seventy-two feet, or 1.8 feet per mile.

F.—WATER-POWER.

During the year ending October 31, 1913, it will be seen from the discharge table that the flow was entirely cut off during the months of January, February and March, with the extremely low estimated flow of 10 second-feet in December. Taking into account these conditions, it is found necessary to base any computations as to available power on the flow during the months of July, August and September.

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Winnipeg - White-mouth River - Gorge in White-mouth falls showing basin below
falls at foot of Portage.



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White-mouth River - Rapids at mouth of River from Right Bank

able water-power on the estimates of flow for a partial year, as no continuous operation would have been possible on this river during the above period.

Based on the estimates of flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, the following table gives the power available per foot head at an 80 per cent efficiency, and is computed on the lowest monthly mean flow (89 second-feet), for the period of seven months from April to October. This estimated power only relates to the period as above stated:—

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in Feet.

Flow 89 sec.-ft.-Period April to Oct.

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TABLE No. 28.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Brokenhead River at Sinnott, for 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of sections.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
1912.			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Cu. ft. per sec.
May 30	G. H. Burnham	1187	88	382	1.74	3.79	
June 20	" "	1187	88	198	0.95	1.94	
July 15	" "	1187	88	201	0.86	1.81	
Aug. 9	W. G. Worden	1187	86	136	0.42	1.21	
Sept. 3	" "	1187	87	166	0.52	1.54	
Oct. 15	R. H. Nelson	1186	76	341	1.39	3.18	
1913							
Jan. 21	Alex. Pirie	1186	89	298	1.50	2.98	
April 19	" "	1186	85	228	1.16	2.14	
May 9	G. Ebner	1469	82.5	224	0.98	2.23	
Aug. 15	W. J. Ireland	1435	80	155	0.56	1.40	
Sept. 27	C. O. Allen						

* River frozen to bottom.

TABLE No. 29.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Brokenhead River, near Simnot, for 1912.

Date.	JUNE.			JULY.			AUGUST.			SEPTEMBER.			OCTOBER.			NOVEMBER.			DECEMBER.		
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Feet.
1			0.92	27	1.69	134	1.40	75	4.01	650	2.70	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2			0.85	24	1.59	110	1.47	87	3.95	676	2.79	398	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3			0.80	21	1.49	90	1.51	94	3.85	652	2.79	398	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4			0.74	18	1.41	77	1.91	186	3.72	621	2.70	376	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5			0.70	16	1.31	62	1.90	184	3.60	592	2.66	366	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6			0.71	17	1.31	62	1.84	170	3.55	580	2.60	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7			0.74	18	1.28	59	1.80	160	3.51	550	2.59	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8			0.83	23	1.23	53	1.83	167	3.50	568	2.60	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9			0.80	21	1.21	51	1.80	181	3.48	563	2.60	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10			0.91	27	1.21	51	1.85	172	3.43	551	2.68	371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11			0.95	29	1.20	50	1.84	170	3.40	544	2.70	376	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12			2.00	352	1.19	49	1.83	167	3.39	542	2.68	371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13			2.11	242	1.21	51	1.84	170	3.32	525	2.63	359	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14			1.75	148	1.20	50	1.84	170	3.29	518	2.60	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15			1.83	167	1.15	45	2.05	366	3.20	496	2.58	347	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16			1.72	141	1.11	41	2.84	410	3.15	484	2.54	338	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17			1.85	172	1.08	38	3.11	474	3.09	470	2.49	326	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18			2.24	266	1.05	36	2.99	446	3.00	448	2.45	316	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19			2.14	242	1.74	146	3.32	494	2.97	441	2.40	304	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20			2.06	222	1.68	131	3.08	434	2.90	424	2.38	289	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21			1.63	119	0.98	31	3.28	515	2.82	405	2.30	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22			1.65	102	0.95	29	4.98	683	2.71	378	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23			1.52	96	0.90	26	4.00	688	2.69	374	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24			1.34	100	0.90	26	4.10	712	2.61	392	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25			1.75	118	1.00	32	4.27	753	2.59	350	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26			1.74	136	0.96	31	4.27	753	2.54	338	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27			1.70	136	1.01	33	4.29	758	2.49	326	2.28	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28			74	186	1.05	36	4.28	755	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29			1.91	210	1.12	42	4.20	736	2.45	316	2.49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30			2.01	198	1.19	49	4.15	724	2.40	304	2.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31			1.96	184	1.19	49	4.15	724	2.40	304	2.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1			1.84	170	1.98	293	4.10	712	2.50	394	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2			1.79	158	1.40	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE No. 30.
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Brokenhead River, near Sinnott, for 1913.

Date	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			2.05	364	1.50	92	2.95	436	0.69	16	2.49	326	1.25	56
2			2.58	347	1.53	98	3.00	448	0.67	14	2.46	318	1.20	50
3			2.53	335	1.50	92	2.98	443	0.60	12	2.35	292	1.18	48
4			2.49	326	1.48	80	2.90	400	0.59	12	2.26	270	1.15	45
5			2.41	306	1.45	83	2.68	371	0.57	11	2.04	208	1.10	40
6			2.40	304	1.70	136	2.45	316	0.56	11	1.90	184	1.08	38
7			2.30	280	1.84	170	2.30	280	0.53	10	1.90	184	1.10	40
8			2.23	268		157	2.20	256	0.50	9	1.80	162	1.20	50
9			2.16	246		143	1.90	184	0.48	8	1.79	158	1.35	68
10			2.10	232		129	1.78	155	0.46	12	1.84	170	1.46	85
11			2.08	227		116	1.95	196	0.50	12	2.00	208	1.65	124
12			2.06	227		102	1.94	194	0.54	10	2.04	218	1.80	169
13			2.07	225		88	2.04	208	0.50	9	2.09	230	1.90	184
14			2.03	215		74	2.10	232	0.49	9	2.05	220	2.00	208
15			2.00	208		61	1.97	201	1.74	100	2.00	208	2.00	208
16			1.96	198		54	1.90	184	1.50	328	1.96	196	1.95	196
17			1.94	194		50	1.88	179	1.50	304	1.90	184	1.90	184
18			1.89	182		40	1.84	170	2.65	376	1.83	167	1.88	173
19	1.50		1.84	170		37	1.70	136	2.75	388	1.70	136	1.80	160
20			1.80	160		26	1.55	102	2.70	376	1.60	112	1.78	155
21			1.80	160		21	1.46	85	2.60	352	1.60	108	1.74	146
22			1.75	148		32	1.40	75	2.54	338	1.58	108	1.70	136
23			1.74	146		28	1.30	61	2.53	335	1.50	98	1.64	122
24			1.70	136		24	1.28	59	2.53	335	1.50	92	1.60	112
25			1.68	131		21	1.18	48	2.52	335	1.45	83	1.58	108
26			1.65	124		20	1.09	39	2.51	330	1.45	80	1.58	108
27			1.60	112		16	1.00	32	2.50	328	1.40	75	1.57	106
28			1.56	104		25	0.90	26	2.48	326	1.36	69	1.56	104
29	2.80	400	1.53	98		20	0.80	21	2.48	326	1.33	65	1.56	104
30	2.72	381				400	0.75	19	2.50	328	1.30	61	1.55	102
31			1.50	92		16	0.70	16	2.50	328			1.54	100

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THE ROSEAU RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Roseau river is the largest tributary entering the Red river from the east, in its course through the province of Manitoba. It has its head-waters in the low lands lying to the west of the Lake of the Woods. About half of its total length lies south of the international boundary, and it joins the Red river approximately ten miles north of same.

The general direction of the river is northwest, and similar to the Red river its course is very winding throughout its length.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The drainage basin of the river covers an area of 1987 square miles, 1097 of which are in the State of Minnesota, the balance, 890, being in Manitoba.

The greater part of this area is flat land, that in the upper reaches being such that it was impossible to cultivate the same without artificial drainage. In connection with this work, forty miles of the upper section of the river in Minnesota has been straightened and widened to eighty feet, and the land on either side for a considerable distance drained into same, with ditches spaced one mile apart.

The effect of this drainage is shown in the lower reaches of the river by the rapid rise apparent during times of heavy rainfall.

C.—BED AND BANKS.

The course of the river from its source to its mouth lies through level country, with no perceptible valley of any extent. The banks cut sharply down from the prairie level to the bed of the stream. The nature of these banks is stated to be invariably a heavy clay, which material also forms the bed of the river. The height of these banks varies from ten to twelve feet.

D.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

A large percentage of the land throughout the drainage basin of the river in the province of Manitoba is cultivated, and there is a very small amount of standing timber. What there is consists mostly of small elm, ash and oak, very little of which is large enough to have commercial value except as firewood.

E.—SETTLEMENTS.

In the course of the river through Manitoba, three settlements are met with. The first located close to the head-waters is the village of Sprague on the Ridgeville branch of the C.N.R. The second is Stuartburn, on the same line of railroad. The third is Dominion City, located at the crossing of the C.P.R., Emerson branch. These villages are all small, the largest being Dominion City, with a population of about two hundred.

F.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—From rainfall records of the northern part of Minnesota covering a period of thirty years and at Oak Bank, to the north of the drainage area, covering a period of twenty-two years, it is found that the mean annual precipitation in the watershed of the Roseau is 22 inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—A metering station was established on the river at Dominion City by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey in May, of 1912. During the summer of that year and the winter of 1912-13, nine discharge measurements were made, the results of which are shown in table No. 31.

This station was abandoned during the spring of the present year to escape the effects of backwater from a dam placed below the metering section by the C.P.R., for water-supply purposes.

In April of 1913 the same survey established a metering station on Baskerville's traffic bridge, about twenty-five miles upstream from Dominion City, and observations including daily gauge height records and discharge measurements, have been made at this point during the present season. These discharge measurements, eight in number, are shown in table No. 33.

The estimated daily discharges, based on the above-mentioned discharge measurements for the stations at Dominion City and Baskerville's Bridge, will be found in tables No. 32 and No. 39.

G.—POWER POSSIBILITIES.

No surveys for the purpose of locating power sites have been made on this river and information as to the possibility of concentrating the natural fall at any point throughout its course is very meager. Local authority reports that in the neighborhood of Dominion City there is a possible development of 15 feet head, but this has not been investigated.

From the village of Sprague, near the head-waters to Dominion City, a distance of about two hundred miles by river, there is a difference in elevation of 287 feet, or about 1.4 feet to the mile.

Should any development be made on this river, and a continuous supply of power be required, it would necessitate the installation of an auxiliary steam plant to carry it over points of extreme low flow, as the absence of lakes or storage areas in the upper reaches of the river make the possibility of storage regulation very slight.

H.—WATER-POWER.

From the estimates of flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, it will be seen that during the months of February and March the flow was entirely cut off, and the following table gives the power available per foot of head at an 80 per cent efficiency based on the lowest monthly mean flow (40 second-feet), for the open six months of the year, viz., from May to October. This estimate of power only relates to the period as stated.

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in Feet.	Flow 40 Sec.-ft. Period May to October.	
1		3.6
10		36
20		72

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TABLE No. 31.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Roseau River at Dominion City, 1912-1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Fect.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Fect.	Sec. ft.
1912.							
May 21	S. S. Scovil	1187	81.0	334.2	1.22	3.79	408
June 18	G. H. Burnham	1187	73.5	238.9	0.65	2.42	155
July 11	G. H. Burnham	1187	68.0	123.5	0.252	0.95	31
Aug. 7	W. G. Worden	1187	74.0	216.1	0.634	2.225	137
" 24	W. G. Worden	1187	72.1	199.3	0.515	1.975	103
Oct. 19	G. J. Lamb	1187	85.0	554.0	2.16	6.85	1195
Nov. 1	G. J. Lamb	1187	83.5	581.8	2.19	7.00	1273
1913.							
Jan. 13	G. J. Lamb	1374	56.0	25.2	1.3	2.78	23.5
Feb. 25	A. Pirie						0

¹ Ice measurement. ² No flow: frozen to bottom.

TABLE No. 32.
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, E. Roseau River at Traffic Bridge, Dominion City, for 1912.

Day	MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	3 79	410	1 14	41	1 74	83	1 96	103	4 43	557	7 01	1248	3 42	1248	3 42	1248
2	3 50	336	1 04	36	1 90	97	1 97	104	4 85	684	6 80	1193	3 22	1193	3 22	1193
3	3 53	344	1 02	35	2 05	113	2 02	109	4 81	676	6 60	1141	3 23	1141	3 23	1141
4	3 52	341	1 02	33	2 13	121	2 20	129	4 91	702	6 50	1115	3 35	1115	3 35	1115
5	3 42	318	0 97	33	2 16	125	2 24	133	5 03	733	6 16	1057	3 28	1057	3 28	1057
6	3 48	332	0 93	30	2 22	131	2 30	129	5 31	782	5 81	884	3 23	884	3 23	884
7	3 41	316	1 02	35	2 23	132	2 32	131	5 37	785	5 61	890	3 23	890	3 23	890
8	3 35	292	0 96	32	2 18	127	2 18	127	5 44	839	5 32	857	3 23	857	3 23	857
9	3 29	276	1 08	38	2 03	110	2 17	126	5 44	884	5 31	890	3 23	890	3 23	890
10	3 21	276	1 11	40	2 03	101	2 21	131	5 61	936	5 11	824	3 23	824	3 23	824
11	3 14	263	0 95	31	1 83	91	2 14	122	5 81	1000	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
12	3 00	238	1 19	44	2 03	91	2 17	126		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
13	2 98	235	1 18	41	2 11	119	2 20	129		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
14	2 90	222	1 30	51	2 17	125	2 25	132		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
15	2 85	214	1 41	59	2 14	129	2 34	134		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
16	2 76	200	1 54	68	2 14	134	2 35	134		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
17	2 63	182	1 58	71	2 18	127	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
18	2 49	163	1 58	71	2 20	129	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
19	2 29	129	1 61	73	2 20	129	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
20	2 17	107	1 66	77	2 23	132	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
21	2 00	95	1 78	81	2 23	132	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
22	1 85	83	1 85	98	2 05	113	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
23	1 74	74	1 82	82	1 97	104	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
24	1 63	66	1 82	82	1 91	98	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
25	1 51	60	1 64	75	1 91	96	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
26	1 43	53	1 64	75	1 89	96	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
27	1 33	45	1 64	75	1 92	99	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
28	1 20	45	1 73	79	1 93	100	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
29	1 20	45	1 69	79	2 03	117	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
30	1 20	45	1 69	79	2 03	117	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720
31	1 20	45	1 69	79	2 03	117	2 35	133		1030	4 98	720	3 23	720	3 23	720

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TABLE No. 33.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Roseau River, at Baskerville's Bridge, 1913

Date.	Hydrographer	Meter No.	Width	Area of Section	Mean Velocity	Gauge Height	Discharge
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Feet per sec.	Feet	Sec. ft.
Apr. 12.	G. H. Burnham	1496		483.7	2.16	8.06	1,011
23	A. Price	1496		910.3	2.25	12.54	2,011
30	E. Bankson	1469		647.3	2.42	10.88	1,700
May 14	E. Bankson	1469		754.5	1.69	6.01	760
June 28	G. Elmer	1486		45.7	0.88	2.94	1.8
July 31	A. Price	1496		165.5	1.03	2.90	171
Aug. 20	C. O. Allen	1435		94.6	0.44	1.55	42
Sep. 18	C. O. Allen	1435		105.4	0.54	1.72	57

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THE RED RIVER.

A. LOCATION.

The source of the Red river is in the western central part of the state of Minnesota. Its first flow is in a southerly direction for a distance of sixty miles, then to the west for one hundred miles to the town of Breckenbridge, on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota. From this town to the international boundary the river forms the dividing line between the two above mentioned states. Continuing in its course through Manitoba the river empties into the southern part of lake Winnipeg.

B. DIRECTION.

The general direction of the river, after passing its first flow to the south and east, as above noted, is almost directly north and, from the town of Breckenbridge to the city of Winnipeg, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles, the general course of the river does not vary from a straight line more than five miles. At Winnipeg it bears away to the eastward, and the final thirty-five miles of its course lie in a north-easterly direction.

An idea of the extremely winding nature of the river can be gathered from the fact that in its course from Breckenbridge to Winnipeg, though the general course does not vary to any great extent from a straight line, yet the length of the actual river channel is more than double the distance by direct line. This characteristic is common throughout its length.

C. DRAINAGE BASIN.

The drainage basin of the river covers an area of 116,317 square miles, of which 25,417 are in Minnesota and Dakota, 70,500 in Saskatchewan and 20,300 in Manitoba.

A large part of this area is made up by the area of its largest tributary, the Assiniboine river.

The principal tributaries entering the river in Manitoba are the Roseau, the Rat and the Seine, from the east, and the Assiniboine and Morris rivers from the west. The Pembina river, though the greater part of its drainage area lies in southern Manitoba, joins the Red south of the international boundary.

D. BED AND BANKS.

The entire basin is practically a level plain, varying in width from 50 to 200 miles, and with a length of water over 300 miles. There is a gentle slope from the sides of the valley to the center, of about the same gradient as from the head-waters to the mouth of the river, namely, about one foot to the mile. Down the center of the valley the river has cut a sharp, winding channel, dropping from twenty to fifty feet below the level of the plains on either side. The banks of this channel are composed of a gravelly clay, and though no rock outcrops show in the course of the river, the bed, close to the mouth, is underlaid with a stratum of rocks at a depth varying from ten to twenty feet.

E. TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

Throughout the Red River valley lying in Manitoba there is very little standing timber except in the extreme easterly section of same. Along the course of the river, occasional clumps of elm and ash are met with, though not of sufficient extent to warrant extensive lumbering operations.

The land being mostly prairie, and being along the line of first immigration into Manitoba, naturally it is one of the oldest settled districts in the province. The larger percentage of the land is settled and is continuously worked as farm land, it being of a very productive nature.

F.—NAVIGATION.

The river is navigable for boats of light draught from the mouth of the river up to Grand Forkes, Minn. Prior to the construction of the railroads it was used extensively during the open season for freight and passenger service. Since the coming of the railroads, however, river traffic could not compete with this faster mode of transportation, and has gradually died out.

There has been a considerable revival in river travel in the lower reaches of the river since the installation, by the Dominion Government, of the St. Andrews dam and locks near the mouth of the river. This dam, which raises the water level at Winnipeg about eight feet, ensures the boats from lake Winnipeg a safe passage up the river to the city during the summer months.

G.—SETTLEMENTS.

In the course of the river through Manitoba, the first town passed through is Emerson, located at the international boundary, and from this point to Winnipeg there are located a number of smaller towns. These towns are in some instances removed a mile from the river, being located on the C.N.R., which line closely parallels the course of the river for the entire distance. Between the city of Winnipeg and the mouth of the river the largest town is Selkirk, located about 22 miles below the city, but there are small settlements scattered throughout almost the entire distance.

H.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—From records in central Minnesota covering a period of thirty years, it is found that the mean annual precipitation at the head-waters of the river is 24 inches, and the records at Winnipeg, covering a period of forty years, give the mean annual rainfall at that point to be 21 inches.

In the western part of the drainage area of the river, the rainfall is noticeably less than that noted above, and does not average more than 17 inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—A metering station was located on the river at the town of Emerson, in May of the year 1912, and during the years of 1912 and 1913 nineteen discharge measurements were made at different stages of the river. The results obtained from these measurements are shown in table No. 35.

A continuous record of gauge heights has also been kept since this station was established, and these with the estimated daily discharges, are shown in tables No. 36 and No. 37.

I.—HIGH AND LOW FLOW.

The rise and fall of stage in the Red river throughout the year is, as a rule, gradual, with the exception of during the spring break-up. At this time there are liable to be excessive floods. These floods are caused by the release of the water held in the form of snow and ice in the warmer southern reaches of the river, some time previous to the break-up in the colder sections near the mouth. As it reaches the section of the river where the break-up has not yet taken place, this water, not being able to obtain easy egress, backs up and frequently forces the stage of the river to a height of 20 to 30 feet above normal water level.

J.—WATER-POWER.

In the course of the river through the province the only feasible power development is located at Lockport, where the construction of the Dominion Government dam at the St. Andrews rapids has concentrated a head of approximately 15 feet.

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Any development at this point would necessarily be for operation only during the period of open water on the river, when the dam is held closed as an aid to navigation, usually between the months of May and October.

The following table gives the estimated power available at this site, based on an 80 per cent efficiency. The discharge on which this table is based is an estimated low flow of 2,400 second-feet, and has been arrived at from the information at hand as to the lowest mean monthly flow of the river as it enters the province and of the tributaries entering the river in its course between Emerson and Lockport. This discharge is estimated only for six months ending October 31, 1913, and is subject to revision.

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

HEAD IN FEET.

Minimum Flow 2,400 sec.-ft. Period May to December

15

3,270

TABLE No. 35.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Red River, at Emerson, 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Average of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1912.							
May 3	S. S. Seovil.....	1187	222.2	876	1.88	4.00	1646
18	S. S. Seovil.....	1187	245	1353	2.25	6.46	3045
June 12	G. H. Burnham.....	1187	243	885	1.92	4.26	1699
15	G. H. Burnham.....	1187	243	852	1.62	3.68	1380
July 9	G. H. Burnham.....	1187	214	649	1.53	2.73	994
24	G. H. Burnham.....	1187	213	682	1.70	3.09	1159
Aug. 6	W. G. Worden.....	1187	214	679	1.74	3.05	1183
22	W. G. Worden.....	1187	214	672	1.59	2.69	1070
Oct. 18	G. J. Lamb.....	1187	242	1038	1.69	4.73	1754
31	G. J. Lamb.....	1187	221	881	1.63	4.06	1436
1913.							
Jan. 15	G. J. Lamb.....	1375	190	754	.66	2.55	5009
Feb. 24	A. Pirie.....	1062	185	625	.45	2.14	278
Apr. 10	G. H. Burnham.....	1497	357	7190	3.37	28.65	24233
22	A. Pirie.....	1186	304	3645	2.81	17.10	10230
29	E. Bankson.....	1469	270	2437	2.44	11.47	5936
May 13	E. Bankson.....	1469	244	1333	2.41	6.95	3211
July 30	A. Pirie.....	1469	243	638	1.59	2.69	1015
Aug. 19	C. O. Allen.....	1435	220	492	1.62	2.23	797
Sep. 19	C. O. Allen.....	1435	222	751	1.96	3.73	1524

¹See measurement taken 2½ miles below station.

12th June 1912

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Emerson - Looking downstream from Bridge

May 2nd 1913

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Whitemouth River looking over 200 Rabbits from Whitemouth

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TABLE No. 36.
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Red River, at Emerson, for 1912.

Day	MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	1500	2650	3 4	1293	4 3	1715	2 53	942	6 5	2540	3 95	1542	3 95	1542	3 15	
2	1525	2369	3 14	1184	4 0	1565	2 45	911	6 35	3225	3 95	1496	3 95	1496	3 15	
3	1556	2311	3 0	1125	3 62	1390	2 38	886	7 3	3441	3 8	1473	3 8	1473	3 8	
4	1575	2311	2 9	1086	3 3	1251	2 26	841	7 3	3365	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 75	
5	1680	2263	2 79	1043	3 2	1209	2 35	875	7 35	3472	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 75	
6	1665	2283	2 79	1043	3 2	1209	2 35	875	7 35	3472	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 75	
7	1740	2226	2 7	1008	3 05	1146	2 75	1028	7 2	3379	3 9	1519	3 9	1519	3 65	
8	1815	2147	2 6	969	2 94	1102	2 8	1047	7 0	3235	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 65	
9	1845	2054	2 73	1020	2 69	1004	2 65	988	6 7	3072	3 8	1472	3 8	1472	3 6	
10	1974	1868	2 72	1016	2 59	965	2 46	915	6 35	2860	3 8	1473	3 8	1473	3 4	
11	2269	1765	2 7	1008	2 5	930	2 5	915	5 95	2621	3 8	1473	3 8	1473	3 4	
12	2335	1690	2 7	1008	2 5	930	2 5	915	5 95	2621	3 8	1473	3 8	1473	3 4	
13	2308	1610	2 69	1004	2 55	930	2 55	930	5 5	2476	3 8	1473	3 8	1473	3 3	
14	2524	1519	2 65	988	2 45	911	2 45	934	5 4	2304	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 15	
15	2608	1445	2 65	988	2 36	878	2 32	863	5 3	2248	3 85	1496	3 85	1496	3 15	
16	2638	1376	2 68	1000	2 3	883	2 26	841	5 2	2192	3 75	1420	3 75	1420	3 15	
17	2632	1353	2 68	1000	2 3	883	2 35	875	5 2	2192	3 75	1420	3 75	1420	3 15	
18	2632	1349	2 7	1008	2 26	882	2 48	923	4 8	1974	3 6	1381	3 6	1381	3 0	
19	2620	1349	2 73	1020	2 35	841	2 65	908	4 62	1879	3 6	1381	3 6	1381	3 0	
20	2412	1349	2 73	1020	2 35	841	2 65	908	4 62	1879	3 6	1381	3 6	1381	3 0	
21	2400	1349	2 8	1047	2 60	969	3 0	1125	4 45	1790	3 5	1385	3 5	1385	3 0	
22	2650	1349	2 9	1086	2 76	1031	3 05	1159	4 3	1765	3 4	1293	3 4	1293	3 0	
23	2632	1349	3 0	1125	2 76	1031	3 05	1159	4 3	1765	3 4	1293	3 4	1293	3 0	
24	2634	1340	3 0	1163	2 60	969	3 1	1167	4 15	1715	3 29	1247	3 29	1247	2 9	
25	2676	1363	3 15	1188	2 40	893	3 3	1231	4 0	1640	3 18	1291	3 18	1291	2 8	
26	2660	1395	3 13	1180	2 48	893	3 65	1335	3 9	1519	3 27	1298	3 27	1298	2 8	
27	2664	1415	3 3	1251	2 55	923	3 75	1404	3 8	1473	3 4	1293	3 4	1293	2 8	
28	2633	1505	3 3	1251	2 47	923	3 75	1404	3 8	1473	3 4	1293	3 4	1293	2 8	
29	2680	1473	3 22	1217	2 36	878	4 0	1565	3 9	1519	3 45	1314	3 45	1314	2 8	
30	2638	1399	4 15	1640	2 30	856	5 6	2418	4 1	1615	3 45	1314	3 45	1314	2 8	
31	2710	2710	4 68	1910	2 49	926	5 6	2418	4 1	1615	3 4	1293	3 4	1293	2 8	

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.	
	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1	2.8						4.2	1665	10.15	5230
2							5.2	2192	9.95	5103
3							7.0	3255	8.7	4316
4	2.7						8.6	4253	8.5	4190
5			2.45		2.13		10.6	5514	8.4	4127
6							18.15	10925	8.3	4064
7							22.15	14863	8.0	3875
8	2.6						25.15	18597	7.8	3751
9							27.15	21591	7.6	3627
10							28.45	23906	7.4	3505
11							29.45	26020	7.2	3375
12			2.2		2.13		29.45	26920	7.1	3317
13							29.15	25360	6.9	3191
14	2.55						28.55	24103	6.8	3133
15							27.55	22255	6.6	3011
16							26.55	20633	6.5	2955
17							25.55	19163	6.4	2891
18	2.53						24.05	17115	6.3	2831
19			2.15		2.13		22.80	15603	6.2	2771
20							19.15	13793	6.1	2711
21							17.45	11825	6.0	2651
22	2.5						16.15	10337	5.9	2591
23							14.85	9304	5.9	2531
24							13.85	8354	5.85	2471
25					2.13		12.85	7651	5.7	2411
26			2.14				12.15	6971	5.55	2351
27							11.15	6513	5.5	2291
28							10.45	5866	5.4	2231
29	2.5						10.35	5419	5.4	2171
30					3.9			5355	5.35	2111
31										

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MAY.

JUNE.

JULY

AUGUST.

SEPTEMBER.

OCTOBER.

Discharge.

Gauge Height.	JUNE.		JULY		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		Day.
	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.	Gauge Height.	
Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	
5230	5 3	2248	3 25	1230	2 55	950	2 91	1102	2 62	977	1
5103	5 2	2192	3 3	1251	2 6	969	3 0	1125	2 60	969	2
4316	5 12	2147	3 3	1251	2 68	1000	2 8	1047	2 46	915	3
4190	5 1	2136	3 27	1234	2 78	1039	2 72	1016	2 20	819	4
4127	5 0	2080	3 25	1230	2 95	1106	2 6	969	2 26	819	5
4064	4 95	2054	3 22	1217	3 2	1209	2 5	930	2 23	830	6
3875	4 93	2043	3 12	1175	2 92	1094	2 43	904	2 27	845	7
3751	4 9	2027	3 1	1167	2 87	1074	2 37	882	2 35	855	8
3627	4 85	2000	3 0	1125	2 57	957	2 23	830	2 45	912	9
3503	4 8	1974	3 0	1125	2 56	953	2 1	782	2 53	942	10
3379	4 77	1957	2 9	1086	2 55	950	2 2	819	2 60	969	11
3317	4 7	1921	3 17	1196	2 5	930	2 23	830	2 67	996	12
3194	4 65	1895	3 4	1293	2 5	930	2 2	819	2 75	1027	13
3133	4 55	1841	3 8	1473	2 4	893	2 4	893	2 90	1086	14
3011	4 45	1790	4 2	1665	2 3	856	2 7	1008	3 15	1188	15
295	4 35	1740	4 4	1765	2 2	819	2 97	1114	3 40	1293	16
2890	4 22	1675	4 3	1715	2 1	782	3 4	1293	3 63	1395	17
2830	4 12	1625	4 25	1690	2 1	782	3 7	1427	3 74	1445	18
2770	4 0	1565	4 1	1615	2 2	819	3 75	1441	3 74	1445	19
2710	3 85	1496	3 95	1542	2 2	819	3 8	1473	3 80	1473	20
2650	3 75	1450	3 75	1450	2 27	845	3 9	1519	3 76	1455	21
2630	3 7	1427	3 7	1427	2 3	856	4 0	1565	3 70	1427	22
2592	3 65	1404	3 62	1390	2 35	875	4 1	1615	3 70	1427	23
2592	3 62	1390	3 58	1372	2 4	893	3 9	1519	3 70	1427	24
2563	3 58	1372	3 4	1293	2 3	856	3 7	1427	3 60	1381	25
2476	3 53	1349	3 34	1268	2 27	845	3 5	1335	3 50	1335	26
2380	3 5	1335	3 12	1175	2 38	846	3 3	1251	3 45	1314	27
2340	3 4	1293	3 0	1125	2 5	930	3 0	1125	3 40	1293	28
2304	3 3	1251	2 8	1047	2 6	969	2 9	1086	3 31	1255	29
2304	3 28	1243	2 67	996	2 85	1066	2 75	1028	3 15	1188	30
2276			2 6	969	2 8	1047			3 20	1209	31

THE PEMBINA RIVER.

A.—LOCATION AND DIRECTION.

The head-waters of the Pembina river are found on the northeasterly slopes of Turtle mountain, from which the river flows in a winding easterly direction. Fifty miles above its mouth the river bends southward, crossing the international boundary, then turning again to the east flows into the Red river about five miles south of Emerson.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The basin of the river covers an area of 4,180 square miles, 1,440 of which are in Dakota; the balance, 2,740, in southern Manitoba.

In the upper reaches of the river basin there are located numerous small lakes and sloughs, and it is in this section that most of the drainage is obtained. One notable feature of the watershed is the fact that practically all of the drainage enters the river from the south, the tributaries entering from the north being small and having very little flow except in the early spring or times of excessive rains.

The principal tributaries are the Whitemud river, Long river, Beaver creek and Snowflake creek, all flowing from the south.

C.—BED AND BANKS.

The lower forty miles of the course of the river is in flat level country, typical of the Red River valley. The banks of the stream cut sharply down from the level of the prairie to a depth of from twenty to forty feet. The conformation of the banks in this section is principally a sandy clay, which also constitutes the bed of the river.

After the above distance is traversed, the nature of the valley changes, the banks becoming bolder and rising to a height varying from 175 feet to 450 feet. The nature of the soil in the valley also changes, being much more sandy, and the flats and bed of the river are composed of sandy gravel and strewn with boulders.

D.—WIDTH.

The average width of the river is approximately ninety feet, but in the middle reaches it widens out in several places, forming lakes varying in width from half a mile to a mile and a half. The more important of these lakes are Swan lake and Rock lake, these being six and nine miles, long respectively.

E.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Pembina river is not navigable, but, flowing through a well-settled country, it is easily accessible from good roadways, and also from railroads which cross it at many points in its winding course from mouth to head-waters.

F.—RUN OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—The mean annual rainfall at the mouth of the river is 20 inches. This decreases as the course of the river is followed upwards, and at the head-waters the yearly average is 14 inches. This low rainfall has a decided effect on the flow, as it is in this locality that most of the drainage enters the river, and in times of drought the discharge is cut down to an extremely low figure.

(b) *Discharge Measurement.*—For some years the United States Geological Survey has made observations as to flow on the Pembina river at Neche, North Dakota, and from the report of these, *see* tables No. 38 to No. 42, it will be seen that there is a large variation in the flow of the river, the mean monthly discharge ranging from the

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low flow of 3 second-feet during the months of August, September and October, in the year 1910, to a high flow of 3,870 in May of 1904.

F.—WATER-POWER.

There is no information at hand as to any surveys having been made on the river for the purpose of locating water-power sites, but the nature of the valley and the natural fall of the river point to the possibility of there being such in its course.

The fall of the river from the base of Turtle mountain to the point where the valley opens out into the valley of the Red river is 700 feet or approximately 3 feet per mile.

The low flow of the river is extremely small, and any power development depending on the natural flow would be subject to serious interference through lack of water for a considerable period of the year.

A certain amount of storage could be obtained on the lakes in the course of the river, and also on Pelican lake, which is about two miles distant from the river channel. Whether or not this storage would be sufficient to carry any development over the period of low flow is very uncertain.

TABLE No. 38.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neeche, North Dakota, for 1903.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

Month.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			Run-off Total in Acre-feet.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
April.....				
May.....			202	12,420
June.....	198	110	149	8,896
July.....	110	35	60	3,689
August.....			35	555
September.....				
October.....			42	1,749
November.....			42	1,156
December.....				
The period.....				

NOTE—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

TABLE No. 39.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neche, North Dakota, for 1904.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

Month.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			RUN-OFF.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per Square Mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in Acre-feet.
April	3,580	217	1,920	0.653	0.56	87,600
May	3,870	1,420	2,640	.898	1.04	162,000
June	2,530	926	1,600	.575	.64	101,000
July	2,690	399	839	.285	.33	51,600
August	420	315	385	.131	.15	23,700
September	315	236	302	.103	.11	18,000
October	275	217	235	.080	.09	14,400
November	217	131	183	.062	.06	9,440
December						
The period						468,000

NOTE.—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

TABLE No. 39A.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neche, North Dakota, for 1905.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			RUN-OFF.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area	Total in acre-feet.
March 23-31	672	530	606	0.216	0.072	10,820
April	1,372	311	549	.196	.219	18,510
May	1,180	218	447	.160	.184	27,480
June	1,180	279	485	.173	.193	16,600
July	399	119	206	.074	.085	12,670
August	137	60	97	.035	.040	5,960
September	119	65	93.9	.034	.038	5,587
October	156	70	119	.042	.048	7,317
November 1-26	137	91	116	.041	.040	5,982
December						
The period						110,900

NOTE.—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

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TABLE No. 40.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neeche, North Dakota, for 1906.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				RUN-OFF	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.
April	1220	193	479	0 163	0 18	28,500
May	231	175	193	0 66	0 8	11,900
June	340	193	271	0 92	1 0	16,100
July	270	119	175	0 60	0 7	10,800
August	143	119	131	0 45	0 5	8,060
September	166	136	147	0 50	0 6	8,750
October	150	136	144	0 49	0 6	8,850
November	130	82	111	0 38	0 3	4,180
The period						97,100

NOTE.—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U. S. Geological Survey.

TABLE No. 40A.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neeche, North Dakota, for 1907.

[Drainage area, 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.				RUN OFF.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.
April 21-30			860	0 293	0 11	17,100
May	2,190	826	1600	0 544	0 63	98,400
June	805	263	507	0 172	0 19	30,200
July	272	76	156	0 53	0 6	9,590
August	80	36	54 3	0 14	0 2	3,340
September	47	23	34 8	0 12	0 1	2,070
October	66	36	55 2	0 19	0 2	3,390
November			38 0	0 13	0 1	2,260
December			19 0	0 06	0 1	1,170
The period						168,000

NOTE.—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

TABLE No. 40B.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neehe, North Dakota, for 1908.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			RUN OFF.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.
January			6	.002	.002	369
February			3	.001	.001	170
March			3	.001	.001	184
April	92		85.5	.128	.14	22,300
May	591	310	474	.161	.19	29,100
June	496	136	224	.076	.08	13,300
July	136	36	87.8	.030	.03	5,400
August	66	36	52.1	.018	.02	3,200
September	78	55	66.9	.021	.02	3,620
October 1-10	55	45	49.0	.017	.006	972
The year period						78,600

NOTE. Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

TABLE No. 41.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neehe, North Dakota, for 1909.

[Drainage area 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			RUN OFF.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in Acre-feet.
June	651	268	427	0.145	0.07	11,000
July	164	73	113	.034	.04	5,600
August	100	22	48.3	.016	.02	2,970
September	32	22	27.7	.0094	.01	1,650
October	73	32	45.9	.016	.02	2,970
November	67	38	51.9	.018	.009	1,440

NOTE. Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

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TABLE No. 42.

MONTHLY DISCHARGE of Pembina River, at Neche, North Dakota, for 1910.

[Drainage-area, 2,940 square miles.]

MONTH.	DISCHARGE IN SECOND-FEET.			RCS. OF F.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in Acre-feet.
March	683	115	349	0.118	0.08	11,800
April	250	147	196	0.066	0.05	9,860
May	164	80	120	0.041	0.05	7,880
June	100	7	60.4	0.020	0.02	5,900
July	100	10	34.9	0.012	0.01	2,150
August	10	3	6.87	0.0023	0.003	422
September	7	3	3.93	0.0013	0.001	234
October	10	3	6.30	0.0022	0.003	393

NOTE.—Obtained from records of Water Resources Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

THE SOURIS RIVER.

A.—LOCATION AND DIRECTION.

The source of the Souris river lies in the southern part of the province of Saskatchewan, its head-waters being ab at 20 miles northwest of the town of Weyburn.

The upper course of the river is in a southeasterly direction, down into the state of North Dakota, where it bends to the northeast, and this general course is followed until it joins the Assiniboine river, about 22 miles southeast of the city of Brandon.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The basin of the Souris is probably larger in comparison with its flow than any other western river, it covering an area of 22,860 square miles. The extreme width of same is 160 miles and the length from head-waters to mouth 200 miles.

The length of the river itself, considering its windings, is nearly 550 miles, with a width varying from 85 to 170 feet.

The upper part of the basin in Manitoba consists, in the greater part, of a sandy or gravely substratum, overlaid with a light alluvial soil. The valley in this district is shallow but, as it nears the mouth of the river, the soil becomes heavier and the valley much bolder, with steep banks rising to a height of 150 to 200 feet in some localities. The banks of the stream itself vary from 20 to 30 feet in height, and consist of sand, gravel and clay. The land above the banks of the valley is, as a rule, bald prairie with very little timber showing, all of which is small and in isolated clumps.

C.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

The difference between high and low water of the river in some districts has been noted as being 20 feet, but this is an extreme condition, the normal variations being about 10 or 12 feet.

D.—SETTLEMENTS.

Throughout the basin of the river in Manitoba, the country is well settled, and several thriving towns are noted along the course of the river itself, among them being Wawanessa, Souris, Hartney and Melita.

K.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The river is not navigable except by row boat or canoe, and difficulty would be experienced in travelling even by them in the low stages.

Passing through a well-settled country with a soil which tends to be of rather a sandy nature, the roads are good and the river easily accessible therefrom at many points. It is also in close touch with railroads throughout its entire length. From the town of Souris, the Estevan branch of the C.P.R. closely follows the course of the river to within a short distance of the point at which it flows across the international boundary from the state of North Dakota.

L.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall*. The precipitation over the area drained by the Souris is very small, being from 15 to 18 inches, and the actual run-off for the year ending October 31, 1913, was found to be 1.4 inches per square mile of drainage area.

This extremely small run-off from the large area drained may be attributed to First, small rainfall and snowfall; second the topography of the country; the flat prairie country through which the river runs holds the water in the sloughs where it evaporates rapidly, aided by the winds which have full play across the open stretches; third, the distribution of the rainfall. It is noticed from meteorological reports that the greatest amount of rainfall in this area comes in the growing season of the year when evaporation losses are also greatest.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—In October of the year 1912, a metering station was established on the river at the town of Wawanesa, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, and during the winter of 1912-13, and the spring and summer of the present year, eight discharge measurements have been made, the results of which are shown in table No. 43.

Daily gauge height records have been kept at this station and these with the estimated discharges are shown in tables No. 44 and No. 45.

G.—WATER-POWER.

The difference in elevation between the water levels where the river joins the Assiniboine and the point where it first enters the province is 305 feet, or about 10 feet per mile.

There has been no survey work done on this river for the purpose of locating possible power sites, and the estimate of power obtainable as shown in table below is based on 10 feet of head.

This table is based on the estimated minimum flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, and also on the lowest mean monthly flow for a period of six months from May to October of the same year. These figures apply only to the periods above stated.

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in feet.	Minimum flow 5 sec.-ft.	Flow 50 sec.-ft. Period May to October.
1	45	45
10	4.5	45
20	.9	90

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TABLE No. 43.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Souris River, near Wawanesa, 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge-height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1912							
Oct. 7	W. G. Worden.	1496	85.0	109.2	53	1.50	89.6
Oct. 26	G. Lamb.	1186	86.0	162.3	55	1.49	89.3
1913							
Jan. 29	G. Lamb.	1374	21.5	19.5	39	1.03	7.5
Apr. 15	E. Bankson	1469	94.2	436.8	2.51	4.25	1087.7
May 7	E. Bankson	1469	96.2	462.8	3.01	4.82	1434.1
June 30	A. Pirie	1496	86.0	156.4	56	1.49	89.6
Aug. 11	W. J. Ireland.	1469	85.0	129.3	52	1.20	61.6
Sept. 10	W. J. Ireland.	1469	85.6	131.0	35	1.27	66.1

for ice measurements.

TABLE No. 44.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Souris River, near Wawanesa, for 1912.

Day	OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		$\frac{G}{D}$	OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.	
	Gauge-height.	Discharge.	Gauge-height.	Discharge.		Gauge-height.	Discharge.	Gauge-height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.		Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			1.44	77	17	50	84	61	
2			53	88	18	49	83	50	
3			50	84	19	51	85	56	
4			56	92	20	49	82	54	
5			44	77	21	1.48	82	1.52	
6			1.40		22	49	83	64	
7	1.50	84	41		23	48	82	15	
8	50	84	42	74	24	46	79	62	
9	52	87	39	71	25	49	83	36	
10	52	87	43	76	26	1.49	83	1.66	
11	1.50	84	1.45	78	27	47	80	55	
12	50	84	45	78	28	47	80	63	
13	50	84	42	76	29	48	82	63	
14	51	85	42	74	30	49	83	63	
15	53	88	41	73	31	46	79		
16	1.49	83	1.77						

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Souris River, near Wawanesa, for 1913.

	JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		
Dis-charge.	Gauge height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge height.	Dis-charge.	Day.
Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	
1,435	2 29	237		78	1 19	47	1 24	53	1 25	54	1
1,440	22	220	1 42	74	19	47	22	50	25	54	2
1,445	18	210	41	73	18	46	24	53	26	55	3
1,420	07	183	40	72	18	46	25	54	25	54	4
1,405	17	207	38	67	17	45	25	54	26	48	5
1,405	2 12	195	1 34	65	1 17	45	1 28	57	1 18	46	6
1,400	02	172	34	65	19	47	27	56	17	45	7
1,390	1 99	166	30	60	17	45	27	56	20	48	8
1,380	96	160	29	59	17	45	24	53	21	49	9
1,355	94	156	30	60	19	47	27	56	28	57	10
1,325	1 87	142	1 34	65	1 20	48	1 27	56	1 27	56	11
1,285	85	139	36	67	20	48	28	57	27	56	12
1,250	82	123	37	68	20	48	27	56	30	60	13
1,205	82	133	40	72	20	48	25	54	28	57	14
1,135	82	133	35	66	26	55	25	54	25	54	15
1,020	1 81	132	1 35	66	1 19	47	1 25	54	1 22	60	16
915	75	122	34	65	27	56	26	54	26	55	17
820	69	112	29	59	26	55	26	55	24	63	18
730	68	110	27	56	33	64	28	57	23	52	19
615	63	102	25	54	26	55	31	61	22	50	20
515	1 57	93	1 24	53	1 38	70	1 27	56	1 15	43	21
463	50	84	23	52	38	70	22	50	20	48	22
429	49	83	22	50	35	66	27	56	22	50	23
409	48	82	21	49	35	66	32	62	23	52	24
385	44	77	22	50	34	65	31	61	24	53	25
361	1 41	73	1 20	48	1 34	65	1 22	50	1 22	50	26
327	41	73	19	47	33	64	28	57	23	52	27
327	55	91	18	46	29	53	26	55	15	43	28
312	55	91	18	46	26	55	26	55	18	39	29
285	49	83	18	46	26	55	26	55	18	39	30
264			18	46	26	55			19	39	31

SHELL RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Shell river, one of the largest tributaries of the Assiniboine, has its source in the northerly part of Duck mountain, and flowing from the same, empties into the Assiniboine about three miles above the village of Shellmouth.

B.—DIRECTION.

The general direction of the river is almost due south from its source; crossing and re-crossing the dividing line between ranges 27 and 28 west of the first meridian at a point within five miles of its mouth, where it bends sharply to the west and joins the Assiniboine from a southeasterly direction.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

The watershed near the mouth of the river is narrow, being confined between the watersheds of the Valley river and the Assiniboine; but as it nears the upper reaches, it broadens out to approximately 35 miles in width, where it adjoins the watershed of the Swan river. It is in this upper section that most of its drainage is obtained, although throughout the entire length of the river it is continually fed by springs and streams, common in the river flowing in so well-defined a valley, of a gravelly

formation, as that of the Shell. The largest tributary entering the river is met with about 70 miles from its mouth, and is known as the East Branch Shell river.

The length of the basin from north to south is approximately 60 miles, while the river itself, taking into account its widenings, has a length of 90 miles.

D.—NATURE OF BANKS.

The valley of the Shell is one of the most beautiful to be met with in connection with any of the smaller rivers of the province, varying in depth from 100 feet, near the head-waters, to 350 feet, when within about four miles of its mouth, and with an average width of three-quarters of a mile.

The banks are mostly of a gravelly nature, strewn with boulders and overgrown with scrub and small poplar. While on the plateaus on either side is to be found agricultural land which will compare very favourably with the best to be found in the province.

E.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BOTTOM.

The natural bed of the river varies between 50 and 90 feet in width, and is stated as being of a gravelly nature throughout, and strewn with large boulders.

Throughout the length of the river there are to be found no distinct falls, but numerous rapids are met with where the valley has narrowed and the bed of the river is contracted.

F.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

The upper waters of the river flow through the Jack Mountain Forest reserve and in this district valuable timber is to be found. As the course is followed southward, it is stated that the timber has been burnt over and scrub and light poplar cover the unbroken land, while low in the valley there is considerable spruce and tamarack.

On reaching the flats at the junction of the Shell and Assiniboine, some splendid groves of large elms are encountered.

For some years a small saw-mill was operated at the village of Asessipi, but the last fifteen years no lumbering operations have been carried on, on this river.

G.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

At the point where observations for high and low water are made, it was found that there is a variation of about four feet between high water, which usually occurs during the months of May and June, and low water, as a rule during the months of September. It was learned from local inquiry that the river is not subject to sudden changes or to excessive floods, its rise and fall being mostly steady and gradual.

H.—TRANSPORTATION.

On account of the depth and the numerous rapids, the only means of navigation on the river itself would be by canoe. There are various points in its length where it is crossed by trails and, for a considerable distance in the middle length of the river, trails follow closely the course of same.

The C. N. R., Edmonton branch crosses the river at the town of Shevlin, and the closest railroad station in the vicinity of the mouth of the river is on the C. N. R. at Shellmouth.

I.—SETTLEMENTS.

Although in the southerly section of the river basin the land is well settled, there are only two small villages on the river itself, one at Asessipi, about four miles from the mouth, and the other at Shevlin, twenty-five miles upstream.

The village of Asessipi is comprised of possibly fifty people, there being located there a store, a school, a church and an old flour and grist mill. This mill has been operated by water power from the year 1884 up to the spring of 1911, when it was

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Town of Asessippi

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out of commission through the breaking away of the dam from which it obtained its power. The dam is at present being repaired, and it is expected that it will be in operation during the coming winter.

The town of Russell is located fourteen miles directly south of Assessipi, and a splendid well-settled farming country lies between the two.

J.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall*.—The precipitation records covering a period of nine years, taken at Russell, located at the south of the drainage area of the river, give a mean yearly rainfall of 16.4 inches. Records taken at Swan river at the north of the drainage area and covering a period of four years, give a mean yearly rainfall of 20.8 inches. The above records would give approximately a mean yearly precipitation for the river basin of 18 inches. Assuming 25 per cent of this as actual run-off, we have a mean yearly discharge of 288 second-feet, or 0.33 second-feet per square mile of drainage area.

(b) *Discharge measurements*.—A regular gauging station was established on the river during November of the present year, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. Field work in connection with this station is being carried on, but as yet sufficient data have not been collected on which to base a definite estimate of flow.

The result of a discharge measurement made by this survey, September 15, 1913, will be found in table No. 46. This measurement was made when, according to local authority, the stage of the river approached very nearly the ordinary low-water level for the year.

K.—WATER-POWER POSSIBILITIES.

As to the locations for possible power developments, there is very slight information, there having been no survey work done on the river with this object in view, but from casual observance and the information at hand, it seems as if this river is to be rated as one of the best for power purposes among the smaller rivers of the province.

From the mouth of the river to the junction of the East Branch Shell river, approximately 75 miles, there is a difference in elevation of 600 feet, or 8 feet to the mile. This fall is quite evenly distributed in the upper reaches, but the percentage of drop increases in the lower section of the river. This natural drop, combined with the accompanying high banks, practically throughout the course of the river, point to easy development at different points along its course.

The one development on the river at Assessipi has a head of 10 feet, and though using only a small portion of the flow, developed 50 horse-power, and never at any time of the year was there experienced trouble through lack of flow.

There having been no survey made on the river locating possible dam sites, the information as to actual head at any such is not available, but the following table gives the possible horse-power per foot head, with an assumed minimum monthly flow. This assumed flow is taken as extending over a period of six months, from May to October, and is subject to revision.

In the table (a) is the head in feet, (b) is the assumed minimum flow in second-feet during the six open months of the year, (c) is the available horse-power at 80 per cent efficiency.

(a)	(b)	(c)
1.....	200.....	18.2
10.....	200.....	182.0
20.....	200.....	364.0

In regard to winter flow on the river, sufficient data are not at hand on which to base an estimate, as there have been no winter observations made, but the above figures for the open months would possibly be reduced 60 per cent during the remaining six months of the year.

TABLE No. 46.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Shell River at Assisipi, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of sections.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge
1913.			Feet.	Sq.'ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
Sept. 15 ...	W. J. Ireland...	1469	83.0	98	2.3	No gauge.	213.5

THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER.

The Assiniboine river has its source in the province of Saskatchewan in the southeasterly slopes of Nut mountain adjacent to the head-waters of the Red Deer river. From here the river flows in a southwesterly direction until it crosses the boundary between Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where it bends southward and follows this direction until approximately in the latitude of Brandon where it assumes an easterly bearing, and this general direction is followed to a point where it joins the Red river in the city of Winnipeg.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The total drainage basin of the Assiniboine covers an area of 59,550 square miles. Of this area approximately 8,800 square miles lie in the state of North Dakota, 37,700 miles in the province of Saskatchewan, and 13,050 miles in the province of Manitoba.

The principal tributaries of the river are the Quappelle, the Souris, the Shell, and the Little Saskatchewan.

The drainage entering the river in the lower hundred miles of its course is very slight, as the basin is confined between the watersheds of the Red river and lake Manitoba.

Above the city of Brandon a large increase of the incoming drainage is noticed, and in its upper course the river is continually fed by springs, and streams draining the numerous small lakes with which the upper basin is dotted.

C.—DESCRIPTION OF BANKS.

At the point where the river crosses the dividing line between Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the river flows in a narrow valley, with the banks rising sharply to a height of two hundred and fifty feet on the east side, and with a more gradual rise on the west to approximately the same elevation.

The high banks of the valley seem to be characteristic of the river until it has reached a point considerably below the junction of the Souris river. From this point to the mouth the river flows through level prairie land, with sharply cut banks rising directly from the water's edge to a height varying from three or four feet to twenty-five feet.

There is noted a great variation in the width of the valley, which, in a number of districts, spreads sufficiently to allow the carrying on of extensive farming operations on the flats which lie on either side of the river. The soil of these flats, though being of a very rich nature, is in constant danger of flood in the spring freshets.

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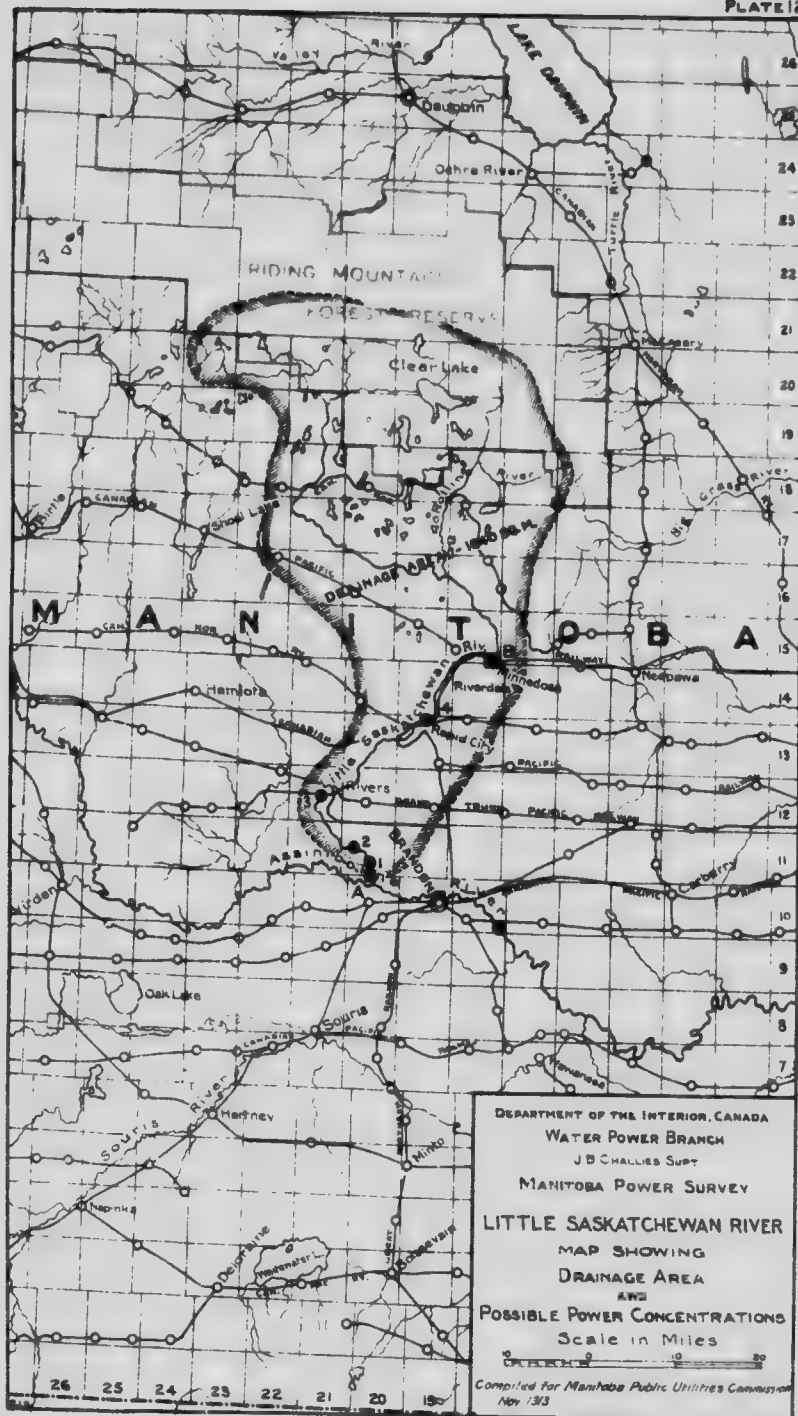
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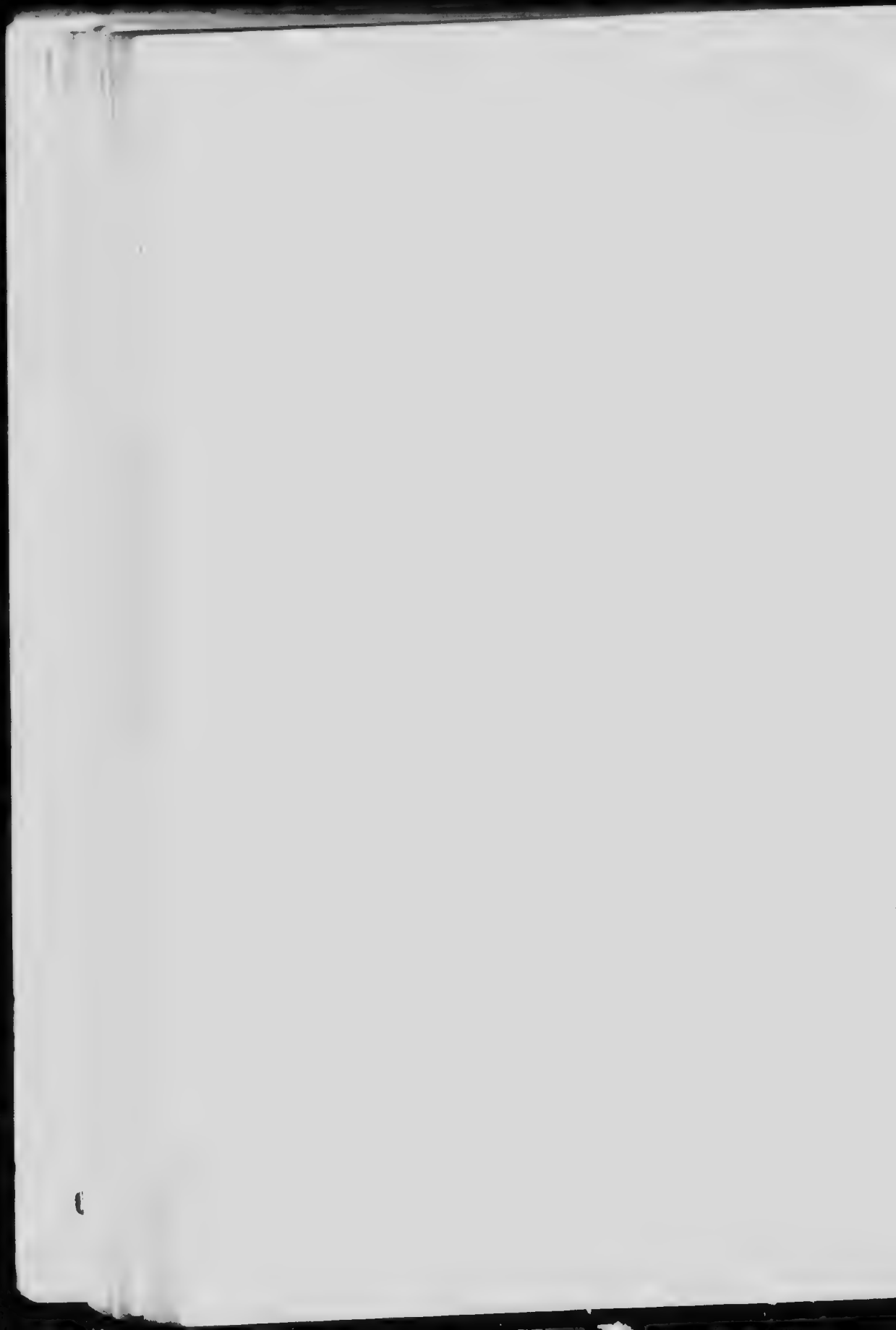
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D.—WIDTH AND BED OF RIVER.

The approximate width of the river where it enters the province is one hundred and fifty feet, and in its course it varies between this width and two hundred and fifty feet.

The bed of the river in the upper reaches is mostly of a sandy or gravelly nature, mixed with large boulders, but as it nears the outlet the banks and bed are composed largely of a sandy clay and boulders, with an underlying stratum of blue clay at a depth of from five to ten feet.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

Throughout the basin of the river in Manitoba the land is practically all settled and being worked for agricultural purposes. There is very little standing timber of any value to be found on same. What is met with is mostly small and of little value except for firewood.

F.—SETTLEMENTS.

The Assiniboine flows through the mostly thickly-settled section of the province and on its banks are found three of the largest cities in the province, namely, Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie and Brandon, while its point of junction with the Red river is directly opposite the city of St. Boniface.

G.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

In the lower reaches the river can be navigated with boats of small draft but, on account of its very winding nature and the numerous shoals, the river is not used for navigation of a commercial nature or for purposes other than pleasure. At almost any point in its length in Manitoba the river is easily accessible from good roads and prairie trails. It is crossed by numerous lines of railroads, and its course is closely paralleled by them for a large percentage of its length throughout the province.

H.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall*.—From the records of the meteorological stations scattered throughout the basin of the river, we find that the average annual precipitation for the drainage area is approximately seventeen inches.

(b) *Discharge measurements*.—A gauging station was established on the river at the St. James C.P.R. bridge in May of the year 1912, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. At this station sixteen discharge measurements were taken during a year's observations. The results of these measurements are shown in table No. 55. This station was abandoned in the spring of the present year to escape the possibility of backwater effects from the closing of the dam at the St. Andrew's locks. There are at present three gauging stations located on the river, which were established by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. The first of these, established in the spring of 1913, is located at the C.P.R. bridge at Headingly, fourteen miles west of the city of Winnipeg. Since the installation of this station there have been fourteen discharge measurements made, the result of which are shown in table No. 53. Daily gauge readings have also been made and a record of these, with the estimated daily discharges, will be found in table No. 54.

The second station is located in the city of Brandon at the First street traffic bridge. It was established in July of 1912, and since that time continuous observations have been carried on. A record of the discharge measurements made during that time will be found on tables No. 49 and No. 50, and the daily gauge heights with their estimated daily discharges are recorded in tables No. 51 and No. 52.

The third station, located at the village of Millwood, was established in October of 1912, on the traffic bridge below the old dam and, during the year, eight discharge measurements were taken, the results of which are shown in table No. 47. The daily gauge height records, with estimated daily discharges, are given in table No. 48.

I.—HIGH AND LOW FLOW.

The river, during the spring freshets, is liable to large variations in stage, and during the present year a variation of twelve feet has been noted between the extreme high and low-water level. The period of high water, however, does not cover more than three weeks, and the average variation during the remainder of the year is approximately five feet.

J.—POWER DEVELOPMENTS.

There are at present no power developments on the river in the province of Manitoba, the one previous development having been destroyed in the spring flood of this year. This development was located at the village of Millwood, where a total head of eighteen feet was obtained. The power developed was for the purpose of operating a flour mill, but it has not been used to any great extent in late years. A timber dam was built across the river, and a large part of this still remains in fairly good condition, but the foundations of the mill itself were destroyed by the scouring action of the water and, the building being mostly of timber construction, was carried down the river. Photographs of this location in its present condition are shown on page 113.

K.—POWER SURVEYS.

There have been three surveys made on the river in the vicinity of the city of Brandon with a view of locating possible dam sites for the development of power for the city, one of these being made in 1902 by the late Cecil B. Smith for the Western Electric Light and Power Company. The second, by R. E. Speakman, city engineer of the city of Brandon. This survey was made at the instance of Mr. Speakman for the purpose of investigating a proposition made to the city by the above-mentioned power company. During the early summer of the present year a reconnaissance survey was made by the Manitoba Power Survey under the direction of the late G. H. Burnham, at a point about twelve miles below Brandon.

The results of these surveys show that in the vicinity of Currie's Landing (see plate No. 13), twelve miles below the city of Brandon, there is a possible head of eighteen feet obtainable. This head would probably be diminished somewhat during times of high water.

L.—WATER-POWER.

Based on the estimated flow at the three metering stations above noted, for the year ending October 31, 1913, the following tables give the power available per foot at an 80 per cent efficiency, and for the estimated low flow at each station, and also for the lowest monthly mean flow for a period of six months, from May to October. In this latter case the estimated power only relates to the period as stated above.

These tables would apply to any proposed development on the river in the neighbourhood of the stations at which the information was obtained, and also at the Currie's Landing dam site.

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ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

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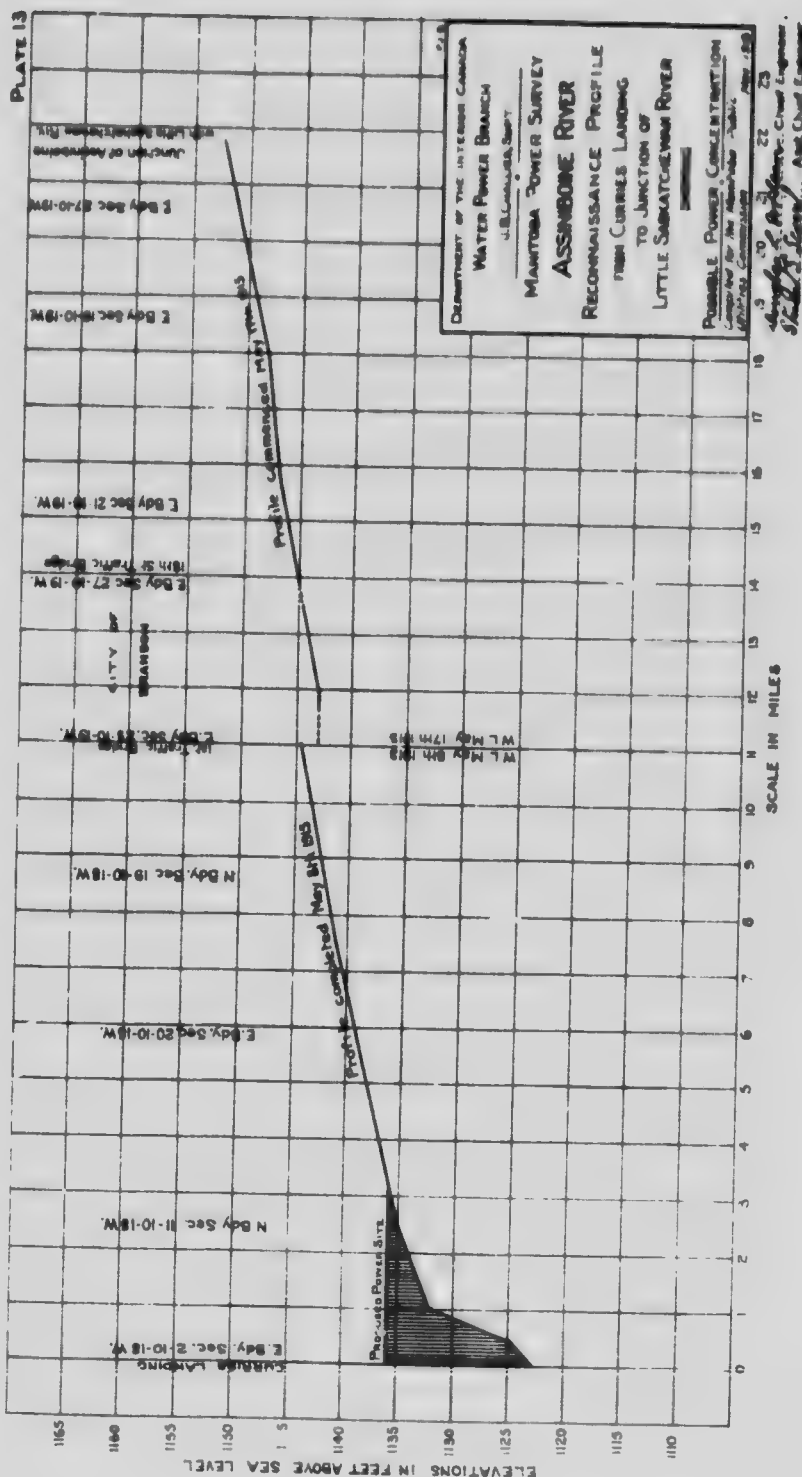
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ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in feet.	Minimum flow 400 sec. ft.	Flow 1080 sec. ft. Period May to Oct.
1	361.3	93.6
10	364	936
20	726	1872

MILLWOOD

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in feet.	Minimum flow 100 sec. ft.	Flow 705 sec. ft. Period May to Oct.
1	14.5	64.0
10	145	640
20	290	1280

CURRIE'S LANDING, DAM SITE.

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in feet.	Minimum flow 400 sec. ft.	Flow 1080 sec. ft. Period May to Oct.
18	653	1685

TABLE No. 47.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Assiniboine River, near Millwood, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1912.							
Oct. 11	Worden	1497	145	881.2	1.85	2.29	1628
1913.							
Jan. 27	G. Lamb	1374	146	254.4	0.68	.48	174
April 19	E. Bankson	1469	157.5	1484.4	3.08	6.45	1571
May 9	" "	1469	192	1704.8	3.08	7.42	5253
July 3	A. Pirie	1496	145	740	1.82	1.65	1346
Aug. 6	W. J. Ireland	1469	168.8	1459.8	2.58	5.05	3789
Sept. 13	" "	1469	144	699.7	1.72	1.39	1291
Oct. 19	C. O. Allen	1435	144.5	536.5	0.31	0.31	632

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4 80	3,235	1 40	1,210	5 60	3,810	47	1,000	0 30	746	1
70	3,165	50	1,260	65	3,818	95	1,354	31	734	2
50	3,035	68	1,350	70	3,885	60	1,315	29	726	3
40	2,970	2 40	1,735	70	3,885	1 00	1,410	26	706	4
40	2,970	3 00	2,085	73	3,968	1 30	1,375	23	702	5
4 20	2,840	3 80	2,580	5 70	3,885	1 87	1,445	9 20	690	6
00	2,710	4 30	2,905	60	3,810	79	1,405	19	686	7
3 70	2,515	55	3,068	50	3,735	73	1,375	18	682	8
40	2,325	68	3,152	20	3,515	66	1,340	18	682	9
20	2,205	80	3,235	4 70	3,165	55	1,285	23	702	10
3 00	2,085	5 00	3,375	4 00	2,710	1 46	1,240	0 26	714	11
2 70	1,995	57	3,788	3 40	2,325	36	1,190	29	726	12
70	1,905	65	3,848	05	2,115	26	1,142	29	726	13
50	1,790	80	3,960	2 74	1,905	18	1,106	29	726	14
20	1,625	84	3,983	40	1,735	19	1,070	30	730	15
2 10	1,570	5 88	4,020	2 40	1,735	1 41	1,030	0 30	730	16
00	1,515	92	4,050	...	1,780	0 91	985	32	738	17
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00	1,025	79	3,885	2 75	1,947	46	794	20	690	27
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10	1,070	60	3,810	51	1,796	40	770	23	535	29
30	1,160	60	3,810	39	1,730	37	758	18	682	30
		60	3,810	26	1,658			05	634	31

TABLE No. 49.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Assiniboine River, at Brandon, 1912.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet	Sec. ft.
July 4	G. H. Burnham	1187	216.5	985.7	2.74	3.79	2701
July 6	"	1187	214.5	889.3	2.72	3.53	2419
July 20	"	1187	216	870.2	2.72	3.31	2367
July 22	"	1187	215.5	857.2	2.62	3.15	2246
Aug. 10	W. G. Worden	1187	207.1	791.1	2.59	2.99	2049
Aug. 23	A. Pirie	1197	190.5	738.0	2.63	2.19	1489
Oct. 5	W. G. Worden	1497	233.5	1504.5	3.16	6.28	4745
Oct. 25	G. Lamb	1187	215.5	950.5	2.77	3.87	2633

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TABLE No. 50.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Assiniboine River, at Brandon, 1913.

Dis- charge.	Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section	Mean velocity.	Gauge- height.	Dis- charge.
Sec.-ft.				Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
2701	Jan. 22	G. Lamb	1375	148	238.5	1.62	1.95	387(1)
2419	Feb. 20	A. Pirie	1469	167	277.0	1.37	1.95	580(1)
2367	April 7	E. Bankson	1469	262	2699.7	3.77	8.51	7578
2246	May 6	"	1469	348	3327.6	3.87	12.37	12869
2049	June 24	A. Pirie	1496	265	826.6	2.48	3.21	2048
1489	Aug. 9	W. J. Ireland	1469	243.1	1516.7	2.93	5.69	1442
4745	Sept. 9	"	1469	214.2	756.9	2.44	2.77	1833
2633	Oct. 20	"	1469	183.3	505.8	1.74	1.47	890

(1) Ice measurement.

TABLE No. 51.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Assiniboine River, near Brandon, for 1912.

Day.	JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1			3 03	2046	2 21	1472	6 38	5223	3 46	2365
2			3 08	2081	2 26	1507	6 42	5157	3 40	2320
3			3 07	2074	2 30	1535	6 47	5102	3 32	2360
4	3 65	2510	2 99	2018	2 27	1514	6 35	4970	3 25	2208
5	3 55	2433	3 05	2060	2 29	1528	6 26	4873	3 21	2178
6	3 48	2380	3 08	2081	2 32	1549	6 19	4800	3 18	2155
7	3 01	2032	3 00	2025	2 48	1661	5 95	4548	3 15	2133
8	3 09	2088	2 91	1962	2 77	1861	5 82	4415	3 12	2110
9	2 71	1822	3 00	2025	2 95	1990	5 68	4275	3 08	2081
10	2 76	1857	2 98	2011	3 21	2178	5 50	4100	3 05	2060
11	2 83	1906	2 91	1962	3 40	2320	5 33	3939	3 02	2039
12	2 89	1948	2 91	1962	3 72	2466	5 13	3757	3 00	2025
13	2 87	1934	2 91	1962	3 93	2734	4 95	3595	2 96	1997
14	2 81	1892	2 79	1878	4 60	3290	4 80	3460	2 92	1969
15	2 92	1969	2 53	1696	4 73	3401	4 67	3350	2 89	1948
16	3 03	2046	2 59	1738	4 78	3443	4 55	3248	2 87	1934
17	3 22	2185	2 42	1619	4 80	3460	4 43	3146	2 46	1665
18	3 40	2320	2 31	1542	4 78	3443	4 35	3078	2 40	1665
19	3 13	2118	2 30	1535	4 79	3452	4 27	3010	2 40	1665
20	3 13	2118	2 23	1506	4 79	3452	4 18	2954	2 39	1598
21	3 20	2170	2 23	1486	4 97	3613	4 10	2870	2 39	1598
22	3 14	2125	2 15	1433	5 46	4062	3 98	2774	2 26	1507
23	3 04	2053	2 10	1400	5 51	4110	3 92	2726	2 14	1426
24	2 95	1990	2 05	1368	5 59	4186	3 88	2694	2 14	1426
25	2 90	1955	2 23	1486	5 68	4275	3 87	2686	2 60	1711
26	2 71	1822	2 03	1355	5 71	4305	3 80	2630		
27	2 90	1955	2 00	1335	5 89	4485	3 73	2574		
28	2 81	1892	1 90	1270	6 00	4600	3 68	2534		
29	3 02	2032	2 20	1465	6 27	4884	3 62	2486		
30	3 01	2032	1 93	1290	"	5069	3 57	2448		
31	2 99	2018	1 97	1316			3 53	2410		

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TABLE No. 52.
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Assiniboine River, at Brandon, 1913.

Day	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge	Ga. Height.	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			13.82	14837	6.65	5363	3.30	2140	5.95	4548	3.43	2343	1.62	1088
2			13.82	14837	6.57	5242	3.11	2103	5.90	4455	3.30	2245	1.58	1062
3					6.40	5025	3.13	2118	5.86	4455	3.22	2185	1.55	1043
4					6.23	4842	3.27	2223	5.85	4445	3.17	2148	1.50	1010
5					6.09	4695	3.45	2358	5.85	4445	2.80	1885	1.52	1023
6					6.00	4600	3.65	2510	5.84	4435	3.02	2039	1.67	1121
7			12.37	12580	5.80	4395	3.71	2558	5.83	4425	3.08	2081	1.60	1075
8					5.72	4315	3.10	2070	5.80	4395	2.91	1962	1.40	945
9					5.66	4235	4.30	3035	5.73	4395	2.78	1871	1.40	945
10					5.59	4186	4.82	3478	5.63	4235	2.71	1822	1.46	984
11	5.88	4475			5.52	4119	4.96	3604	5.55	4167	2.80	1852	1.58	1062
12	6.41	5059			5.38	3985	5.36	3967	5.55	4167	2.76	1837	1.51	1036
13	6.74	5466			4.96	3694	5.50	4100	5.57	4148	2.71	1822	1.52	1023
14	6.61	5801			4.80	3460	5.66	4255	5.50	4100	2.56	1717	1.52	1023
15	6.59	5777			4.72	3392	5.80	4395	5.42	4024	2.42	1619	1.50	1010
16	6.68	5808			4.60	3290	6.01	4611	5.28	3892	2.29	1528	1.48	997
17	6.32	5652			4.45	3163	6.10	4705	5.15	3755	2.21	1493		1000
18	6.50	5765			4.33	3061	6.33	4948	5.08	3712	2.17	1446		1000
19	6.48	5628			4.22	2967	6.45	5080	4.62	3367	2.12	1413		1000
20	6.36	5436	9.94	9599	3.84	2662	6.50	5135	4.62	3367	2.05	1388	1.50	1010
21	6.61	5804	8.77	8020	3.79	2622	6.55	5190	3.76	2702	1.99	1329	1.49	1004
22	6.66	5871	8.61	7804	3.70	2550	6.60	5245	3.81	2708	1.85	1288	1.50	1010
23	6.66	5871	8.39	7507	3.62	2486	6.58	5223	3.70	2550	1.76	1179	1.50	1010
24	6.83	6101	8.12	7142	3.54	2425	6.53	5168	3.62	2486	1.75	1173	1.65	1108
25	6.86	6141	7.93	6886	3.40	2330	6.50	5135	3.78	2514	1.74	1166	1.61	1082
26	6.90	6317	7.78	6886	3.30	2245	6.45	5080	3.88	2694	1.71	1166		
27			7.63	6694	3.22	2185	6.42	5017	3.65	2510	1.73	1160		
28			7.21	5963	3.21	2178	6.30	4915	3.60	2470	1.73	1160		
29			7.01	5722	3.22	2185	6.18	4789	3.62	2495	1.73	1160		
30			6.79	5464	3.24	2200	6.10	4765	3.56	2240	1.70	1140		
31			6.52	5198			6.02	4621	3.50	2305				

TABLE No. 53.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Assiniboine River, at Headingly, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge
			Feet.	Sq. Ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1913.							
Apr. 16.	G. H. Burnham	1497	317	2543	3.02	6.85	7673
22.	E. Bankson	1469	366	2719	3.40	7.70	9258
May 2.	E. Bankson	1469	366	2888	3.58	8.06	10337
7.	G. Ebner	1187	395	3736	3.83	9.61	13464
12.	G. Ebner	1186	372	3526	3.86	9.78	13610
19.	G. Ebner	1186	370	3118	3.35	8.73	10447
June 23.	G. Ebner	1186	260	1587	2.20	4.13	3491
July 19.	A. Pirie	1496	360	1835	2.36	4.89	4335
Aug. 5.	W. J. Ireland	1469	302	1977	2.41	5.02	4759
14.	W. J. Ireland	1469	301	1952	2.44	4.83	4526
18.	G. Ebner	1196	261	1871	2.32	4.89	4276
Sept. 16.	C. O. Allen	1435	248	1194	1.64	2.80	1959
27.	E. Budge	1186	235	1079	1.44	2.32	1551
Oct. 13.	Ireland and Edmondson	1469	238	1007	1.19	1.95	1201

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TABLE No. 54.
DAILY GATGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Assiniboine River, at C.P.R. Bridge, Headingley, for 1913.

Discharge

Sec. ft.
7673
9258
10337
13464
13610
10447
3491
4335
4759
4526
4276
1959
1591
1201

Day	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			8 0	3885	6 35	6768	3 9	3080	3 3	5065	3 5	2640	2 08	1300
2			8 5	10905	6 28	6645	3 7	2855	3 22	4911	3 55	2903	1 98	1315
3			8 2	10290	6 12	6390	3 5	2888	3 18	4849	3 45	2888	1 98	1300
4			8 4	10700	6 02	6190	3 38	2515	3 11	4741	3 4	2535	1 98	1315
5			9 9	11745	5 91	6022	3 3	2435	3 04	4655	3 4	2335	1 98	1315
6			9 35	12736	5 9	6065	3 7	2435	3 0	4575	3 37	2305	1 88	1241
7			9 37	12849	5 8	5820	3 28	2415	3 0	4530	3 3	2335	1 78	1101
8			9 87	14049	5 7	5675	3 21	2345	4 97	4530	3 2	2335	1 68	1101
9			9 89	13893	5 6	5510	3 2	2335	4 9	4425	3 1	2335	1 76	1157
10			9 92	13959	5 5	5355	3 3	2335	4 89	4411	3 3	2435	1 88	1241
11			9 9	14030	5 4	5195	3 5	2340	4 91	4440	3 3	2435	1 90	1335
12			9 91	13937	5 3	5035	3 7	2355	4 95	4500	3 08	2217	2 00	1300
13			9 81	13717	5 12	4755	3 8	2365	4 9	4425	3 0	2145	1 96	1300
14			9 67	12749	5 1	4725	4 0	3200	4 84	4348	3 0	2145	1 88	1241
15			9 37	12736	5 0	4575	4 3	3385	5 0	4575	2 9	2055	1 82	1199
16			9 17	12296	4 9	4425	4 49	3842	5 9	4575	2 8	1965	1 76	1157
17	5 50	7020	9 02	12033	4 8	4280	4 58	3967	5 0	4575	2 75	1923	1 76	1157
18	5 5	8905	8 96	11874	4 6	3995	4 8	4280	4 9	4455	2 6	1880	1 73	1136
19	5 6	9000	8 87	11536	4 5	3855	4 89	4333	4 7	4455	2 5	1795	1 73	1171
20	5 8	9185	8 85	11283	4 4	3720	4 9	4425	4 6	4395	2 5	1715	1 86	1257
21	5 12	9285	8 5	10905	4 3	3585	5 3	4335	4 4	4320	2 45	1675	1 8	1234
22	5 17	9385	8 35	10536	4 2	3455	5 12	4255	4 2	4255	2 4	1645	1 78	1171
23	5 17	9485	8 15	10270	4 1	3325	5 22	4111	4 0	4200	2 38	1614	1 70	1115
24	5 17	9585	8 13	9950	4 0	3200	5 31	4051	3 95	4140	2 2	1540	1 73	1136
25	5 15	9685	8 0	9855	4 0	3080	5 31	3955	3 85	4085	2 38	1540	1 87	1234
26	5 15	9785	7 55	9485	3 9	3080	5 4	3955	3 65	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
27	5 15	9885	7 5	9090	3 9	3080	5 4	3955	3 5	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
28	5 15	9985	7 45	8710	3 8	2965	5 4	3955	3 3	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
29	5 4	10090	7 4	8125	3 8	2965	5 39	3955	3 48	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
30	5 4	10190	6 9	7755	3 65	2800	5 4	3955	3 5	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
31	5 6	9885	6 5	7390	3 6	2843	5 4	3955	3 17	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171
			6 5	7030			5 32	3967	3 6	4000	2 3	1540	1 78	1171

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5864
7021
7862
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1055





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THE LITTLE SASKATCHEWAN.

A.—LOCATION AND DIRECTION.

The Little Saskatchewan (see plate No. 12), rises in the southerly part of Riding Mountain Forest reserve and flows in a southeasterly direction until it reaches the town of Minnedosa. At this town the river bends through almost a right angle, and flows in a southwesterly direction until within about fifteen miles of its mouth when it again resumes its original course to the southeast and joins the Assiniboine river. The point of junction with the latter river is eight miles west of the city of Brandon and almost directly south of the head-waters.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The watershed of the river covers an area of 1,640 square miles, the greater part of which is hilly and undulating. The width of the basin in the upper reaches approximates forty-five miles, and its length from mouth to head-waters, sixty miles. In the country forming the upper basin of the river are to be found numerous small lakes draining into the upper tributaries, and it is in this section that most of the drainage is obtained, as in the lower reaches of the river very few tributaries are met with. The largest single drainage entering the river is encountered about thirteen miles north of the town of Minnedosa and is called the Rolling river.

C.—NATURE OF BANKS.

The course of the river throughout is very winding and though, as above noted, the length of the basin from head-waters to mouth is sixty miles, the actual length of the river itself is one hundred and twenty-five miles.

The valley of the river is well marked throughout its length. The banks vary in height from one hundred to three hundred feet, while the width between banks varies from one thousand feet to a mile and a quarter.

The nature of the soil is mostly a sandy clay, and, in some parts, particularly on the lower levels, is thickly strewn with boulders. This soil generally overlays a stratum of gravel and, at a depth of about five feet, blue clay is encountered in most sections. Pockets of quicksand are also met with, but these are not common.

D.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BED.

The river, almost throughout its entire length, flows over a bed composed of fine gravel and sand, though in some localities it is thickly covered with large boulders.

In width the natural bed varies from fifty to ninety feet.

No rock outcrops have been noted, and it is not likely that rock will be met with any part of the river.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

In the upper reaches of the river a considerable amount of valuable timber has been observed but, with this exception, very little marketable timber is to be had, the country being well settled and the land mostly broken throughout the entire basin. The unbroken land is mostly covered with small poplar and scrub.

The basin of this river is probably one of the oldest settled in the province. The soil is rich and the section north of Minnedosa is noted for its oat crops, while in the southern part, wheat forms the larger proportion of the crop.

F.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The river is not large enough for navigation except by row-bout or canoe. Throughout its course, with the possible exception of the extreme upper portion of the basin, the roads are in very good condition, and the river easily accessible from same. It is also in close touch with the different railroads throughout the lower one hundred miles of its course, and is crossed by them at eight different points. At no place this distance is the river distant from a railroad by more than six miles.

G.—SETTLEMENTS.

The land throughout the basin is well settled and, in the course of the river, encountered the settlements of Rivers, Gantier, Rapid City, Riverdale, Minnedosa, Rolling River and Elphinstone. Of these the largest and most important are Minnedosa, Rapid City, the former having a population of about seventeen hundred and the latter about five hundred and eighty.

H.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—Rainfall records for the town of Minnedosa, covering a period of thirty-two years, give the mean annual precipitation as being eighteen inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—A gauging station was established on this river at Riverdale by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey during January of the present year, and since that time investigations as to flow during the different stages of the river have been made.

These investigations include eight meterings, the results of which are given in table No. 56.

A record of the daily gauge heights has also been kept, and these, with the assumed discharges, will be found on the daily discharge table No. 57.

I.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

As is shown in table No. 57, it will be seen that there is an extreme variation between flood and low water of slightly over five feet. The flood conditions lasted the river for a period of three weeks, and, with the exception of this time, the variation in the stage of the river amounted to a maximum of 2.7 feet.

J.—SURVEYS.

(a) The land throughout the drainage area has been surveyed and subdivided by the Dominion Land Survey.

(b) A reconnaissance survey for the purpose of locating available water-power sites was made on the river during the summer of this year by the Manitoba Power Survey, under the direction of the late G. H. Burnham.

Location work was carried out from the Assiniboine to a point about four miles above the town of Minnedosa, and investigations as to possible storage were made to the head-waters above the town of Elphinstone. The accompanying map, plate 12, and profile of the river, plate No. 14, give the location of four possible dam sites and also the two existing developments, as investigated by this survey.

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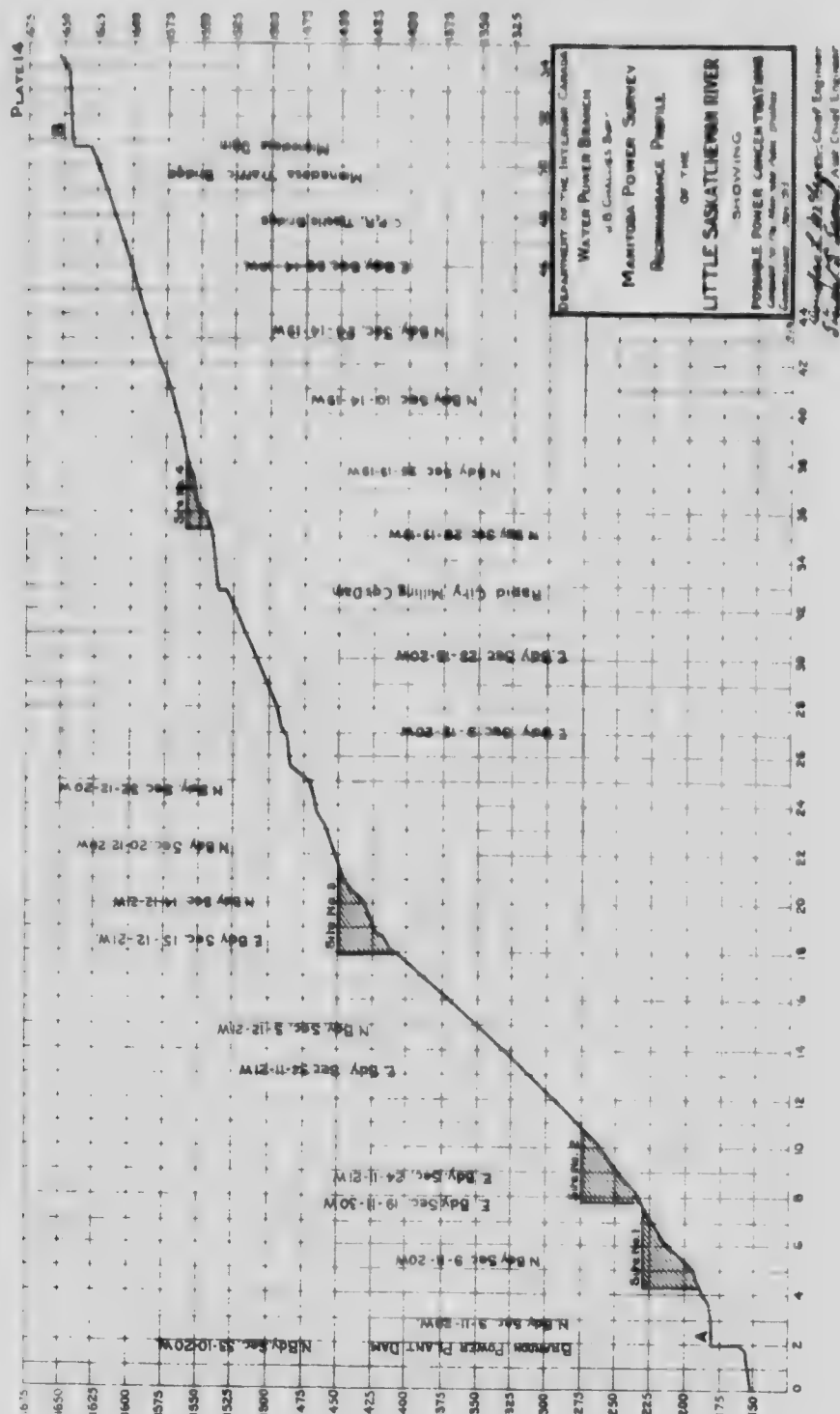
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K.—STORAGE.

The lake and stream areas, with their accompanying low land and marshes in the upper basin which could be utilized for storage purposes, are as follows:—

	Acres.
Andy lake, including Big Jackfish creek.	1,000
Jackfish lake.	1,280
Bottle and Spruce lakes.	1,100
Squaw creek.	2,500
Clear lake.	8,960
Proutts lake.	350
Stuarts lake.	650
Oak lake.	1,300
Thomas lake.	2,000
Beauford lake.	600
Long lake.	1,800
Sandy lake.	2,500

The total surface area obtainable for storage purposes in connection with these lakes is 24,040 acres.

The amount of storage per foot on the above area is 1,047 billion cubic feet.

L.—MASS CURVE.

From mass curve studies, plate No. 15, made in connection with the discharge data obtained during the year of 1913, we find that to maintain a uniform discharge of 230 second-feet, there would be required a properly regulated storage on the head-water lakes of 3.16 billion cubic feet, or an average depth of 3.01 on the above-mentioned storage areas.

M.—WATER-POWER.

There is a difference in elevation of 490 feet between the water levels at the point of junction of the Little Saskatchewan with the Assiniboine, and a point four miles above the town of Minnedosa.

In this length of the river the possibility of concentrating a portion of the natural fall at six different locations has been investigated. At two of these points development work has been done, and these, with the other possible developments and their estimated horse-powers, are listed below.

Based on estimates of flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, the following table gives the power available at an 80 per cent efficiency, and is computed for a low flow of 50 second-feet, and also for an estimated regulated flow of 230 second-feet.

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ESTIMATED HORSE POWER AT 80 PER
CENT EFFICIENCY.

POWER SITE.	ESTIMATED HORSE POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.		
	Head.	Low Flow 50 sec.-ft.	Regulated Flow 230 sec.-ft.
Brandon Electric Light Co.	33	149	690
Minnedosa Power Co.	14	108	504
Dam Site No. 1	40	180	840
" " 2	45	203	945
" " 3	47	212	987
" " 4	20	90	420

N.—POWER DEVELOPMENTS.

(a) *The Brandon Electric Light Co.*

The Brandon Electric Light Company own and operate a water-power on the river about half a mile above its junction with the Assiniboine.

This plant is used throughout the summer months, but is shut down and held as a possible auxiliary to the company's steam plant during the winter. This reversal of the usual custom is accounted for by the fact that the company sell their exhaust steam through the winter months for heating purposes, and in that way actually have a source of revenue above the cost of fuel used for generating power.

This development comprises an earth dam 25 feet high and 450 feet long, with a wooden spillway 68 feet wide.

The power-house is a frame building erected immediately below the dam.

Plant has been installed here for the development of from 400 to 600 k.w. under a head of 33 feet.

(b) *The Minnedosa Power Co.*

The location on the river which has been developed by the Minnedosa Power Company is situated within half a mile of the town of Minnedosa.

Work was commenced on this development in January of 1910 and the plant, though not completed, started operating under a head of 17 feet in the spring of the present year. It is claimed that this head is increased to 24 feet under completed conditions. This head has been made possible by the erection of an earth dam, 1,800 feet long.

A frame generator and turbine house is situated about 400 feet below the dam, and the water is carried from the intake to a 450 horse-power turbine, through a 6-foot wood stave pipe line. (See page 123.) Provision has been made for doubling the capacity of the plant as the demand for power increases. At the opposite end of the dam to the intake is located a concrete spillway, 60 feet wide.

It is stated that the company has the right to raise the level of the water in Clear lake 5 feet for the purpose of obtaining storage to carry the plant over periods of low flow, and a photo of the timber dam erected for this purpose is shown on page 123.

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TABLE No. 56.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Little Saskatchewan River, at Riverdale, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. Ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
Jan. 24.	G. Lamb.	1374	77	68	0.85	3.17	57 ¹
Feb. 18.	A. Pirie	1462 9	65	69	0.89	4.33	61
Apr. 16.	S. S. Scovil.	1469	95	318	3.03	5.15	966
May 8.	E. Bankson	1469	94	241	2.55	4.2	617
July 1.	A. Pirie	1496	93	225	1.91	3.74	430
Aug. 8.	W. J. Ireland	1469	87	154	1.01	3.18	168
Sept. 11.	W. J. Ireland.	1469	88	134	0.67	2.84	89
Oct. 17.	C. O. Allen.	1435	81	117	0.73	2.88	85

¹Ice measurement

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TABLE

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Little

	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.	
Day.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis-charge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1							4 10		4 80	835
2							4 16		4 70	794
3							4 36		4 36	901
4							4 56		4 36	655
5							4 48		4 95	896
6			4 40		4 16		4 53		4 43	683
7							4 58		4 20	589
8							4 62		4 20	589
9							4 66		4 11	552
10							4 70		4 10	548
11							6 10	1368	4 60	753
12							7 50	1942	4 30	630
13			4 20		4 50		6 70	1614	4 00	507
14							6 00	1327	4 00	507
15							5 20	999	4 00	507
16							5 42	1089	3 90	467
17							5 31	1044	3 90	467
18			4 33				5 10	958	3 29	223
19							5 71	1208	3 29	223
20			4 93		4 63		5 92	1294	3 19	184
21							5 61	1167	3 90	467
22							5 21	1003	3 88	459
23							5 51	1126	3 78	419
24	3 17						5 11	962	3 80	427
25							5 90	1286	3 97	495
26							5 10	958	3 87	455
27			4 44		4 95		5 70	1204	3 80	427
28							5 30	1040	3 80	427
29							5 20	999	3 80	427
30	2 95						4 00	507	3 80	427
31									3 18	180

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Saskatchewan River, near Riverdale, Man., for 1913.

	JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.		Day.
	Gauge-Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge-Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge-Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge-Height.	Dis-charge.	Gauge-Height.	Dis-charge.	
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	
835	3 77	415	3 80	427	3 60	347	3 00	126	2 50	32	1
794	3 77	415	3 50	307	3 40	267	2 49	31	2 60	44	2
901	3 70	387	3 60	347	3 40	267	3 00	126	2 90	101	3
655	3 86	451	3 46	291	3 44	283	2 69	58	2 28	13	4
896	3 80	427	3 80	427	3 30	227	2 49	31	2 90	101	5
683	3 20	187	3 60	347	3 20	187	2 28	13	2 80	78	6
589	3 50	307	3 80	427	3 30	227	2 90	101	2 80	78	7
589	3 85	447	3 47	295	3 92	475	2 70	59	2 90	101	8
552	3 60	347	3 80	427	3 61	351	2 90	101	2 47	29	9
548	3 95	487	3 56	331	3 83	439	2 88	96	2 90	101	10
753	3 10	154	3 80	427	3 30	227	2 88	96	2 68	56	11
636	3 48	299	3 48	299	3 20	187	2 24	12	2 90	101	12
507	3 30	227	3 70	387	3 00	126	2 50	32	2 70	59	13
507	3 40	267	3 48	299	3 20	187	2 80	78	2 90	101	14
507	3 30	227	3 90	467	3 10	154	2 44	26	2 80	78	15
467	3 70	387	3 29	223	3 10	154	2 45	27	2 27	13	16
467	3 40	267	3 80	427	3 10	154	2 50	32	2 47	29	17
223	3 47	295	3 90	467	2 89	99	2 80	78	2 80	78	18
223	3 80	427	4 00	507	3 20	187	2 80	78	2 70	59	19
184	3 30	227	3 90	467	3 22	195	2 45	27	2 68	56	20
467	3 14	167	3 49	393	3 42	275	2 50	32	2 87	94	21
459	3 62	355	3 90	467	3 83	439	2 83	85	2 68	56	22
419	3 73	399	3 80	427	3 81	431	2 90	101	2 88	96	23
427	3 60	347	3 66	371	3 30	227	2 80	78	2 48	30	24
495	3 23	199	3 26	211	3 42	275	2 80	78	2 80	78	25
455	3 45	287	3 60	347	3 10	154	2 50	32	2 28	13	26
427	3 65	367	3 60	347	3 00	126		44	2 48	30	27
427	3 60	347	3 85	447	2 89	99		44	2 80	78	28
427	3 70	387	3 60	347	3 00	126		101	2 70	59	29
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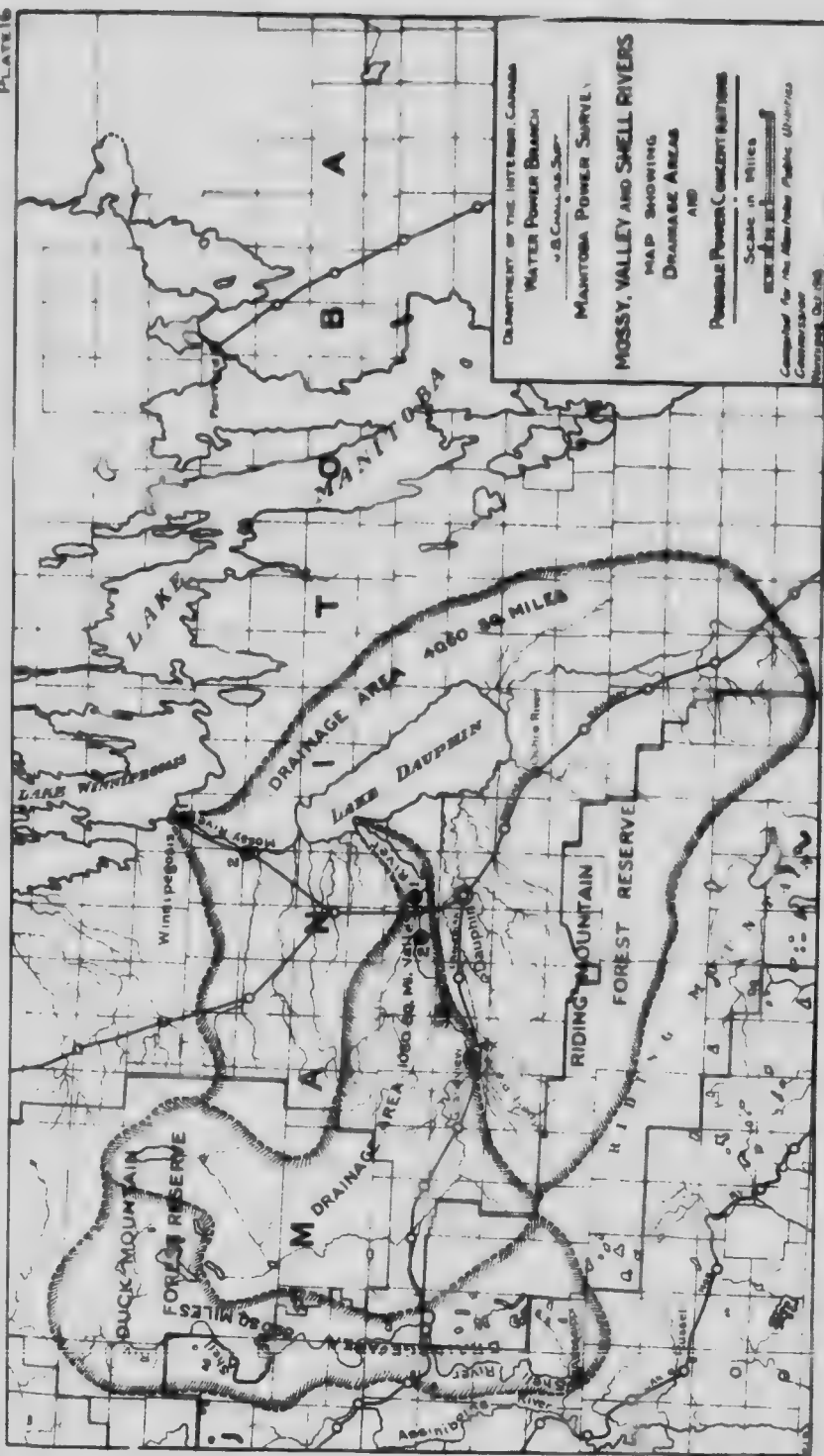
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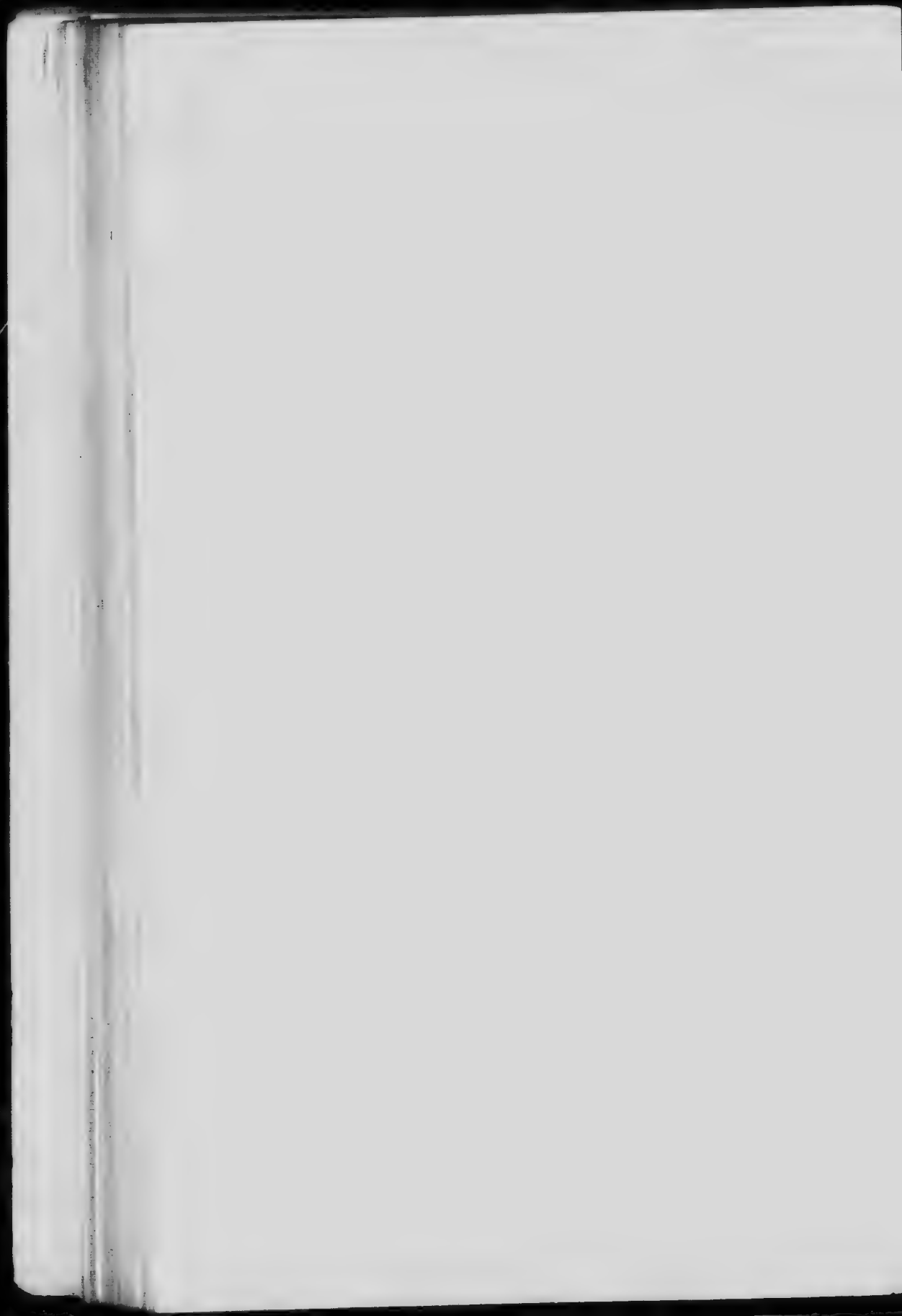
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WATER-POWERS OF MANITOBA.

CHAPTER V.

RIVERS IN WESTERN CENTRAL PORTIONS
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RIVERS OF WESTERN CENTRAL PORTION OF MANITOBA.

VALLEY RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Valley river, so called since it flows in the valley between the Riding and Duck mountains, rises in the Duck Mountain Forest Reserve and discharges into lake Dauphin. (*See plate No. 16.*)

B.—RIVER BASIN.

Singoosh lake, which lies in the northerly part of the Duck mountains, is stated to be the source of the river. From this lake the flow is in a southwesterly direction to East Angling lake, into which the tributary drainage from Laurie and West Angling lakes enters from the north. From East Angling lake the river flows southerly a distance of some 16 miles, and then bends in an easterly direction, continuing this latter course until it empties into lake Dauphin. Near the easterly bend, Short creek, which rises in Riding Mountain Forest reserve and drains several small lakes, enters the Valley river from the west. Below this the main drainage to the river enters from the north, chief among the tributaries being the Drifting river, which joins the Valley river some three miles west of Valley river station on the Canadian Northern railway.

C.—NATURE OF BED AND BANKS.

In the reaches below the Duck Mountain Forest reserve the river flows in the valley lying between the Duck and Riding mountains, the banks vary in height from 15 to 85 feet, while the width of the bottom land ranges from 700 to 2,000 feet, widening in some few places to 3,000 feet. The river at ordinary summer stages has a width varying from 100 to 200 feet; the banks are composed of yellow clay overlying a bed of gravel and boulders. Investigations carried on at several points in that portion of the river lying between Gilbert Plains and Valley River station, have shown a depth of clay varying from 6 to 30 feet overlying the gravel strata. The bed of the river is of gravel, strewn with boulders.

D.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

In the upper watershed there is considerable growth of valuable timber, comprising spruce, jackpine and poplar. Lower down the river the valley bottom and banks are covered with a growth of scrub oak, poplar and briar. Very little clearing has been done in the immediate vicinity of the river, but grain growing and mixed farming are carried on to a considerable extent in the adjacent country.

E.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water usually occurs at the time of the spring break-up in April; the river, however, is subject to extreme fluctuations in the open-water season, heavy rains in

the head-water giving rise to floods in the lower valleys. Low water occurs in the fall and winter months.

F.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Due to shoals and rapids, navigation of the river is impossible other than by row-boat or canoe. The river is accessible by many township roads and is also crossed by the Canadian Northern railway at Valley river. Grandview and Stravel, and in no place between these crossings is it more than five miles distant from the railway.

G.—SETTLEMENTS.

The country adjacent to the Valley river is well settled by farmers, while several thriving villages, such as Gilbert Plains, Grandview and Valley River are in the immediate vicinity. The town of Dauphin, which is the center of this agricultural district, lies some six miles south from the nearest point on the river.

H.—SURVEYS OF THE RIVER.

Outside the boundaries of the forest reserves, all townships have been surveyed. A geological survey of the river from lake Dauphin to Angling lake was made in the year 1887 by the Geological Survey of Canada. In October, 1912, a meter station was established at the Canadian Northern Railway bridge near Valley River post office by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. In the following summer a reconnaissance survey of the power possibilities of that portion of the river from Gilbert Plains to a point some four miles below Valley River post office was carried on by the Manitoba Power Survey, operating under the Water-power Branch of the Department of the Interior. In the fall of the same year a preliminary investigation of the storage possibilities of the upper watershed was made by Mr. D. B. Gow, who previously had been in charge of the field party carrying on the power survey.

I.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—Rainfall records extending over a sufficient period of time are not available for this drainage area. Records of rainfall at Minnedosa, which lies to the southeast of the Valley River basin, but to which, to a great extent, the same physical conditions apply, show a mean annual rainfall of 18 inches for a period of 32 years.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—Measurements of the flow of the river have been made at the C.N.R. bridge, near Valley River post office, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey during the past year, the results of this work being given in table No. 58. An estimate of the daily discharges for the year ending October 31, 1913, as given in tables No. 59 and No. 60, shows a low flow of 20 second-feet occurring in January, February and March. The maximum flow recorded at the time of the spring break-up was 2,760 second-feet, but during the month of July the river reached flood stage, due to exceptionally heavy rains, and showed a maximum discharge of some 3,500 second-feet.

J.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

No definite information is available with reference to all the lakes lying in the head-waters of the drainage basin. From a reconnaissance investigation of the Angling lakes, it would be possible to obtain a 5-foot storage on North Angling lake and a 3-foot storage on East Angling lake, the latter lake being a collecting basin of the major portion of the upper drainage. In the case of the former lake, the top-

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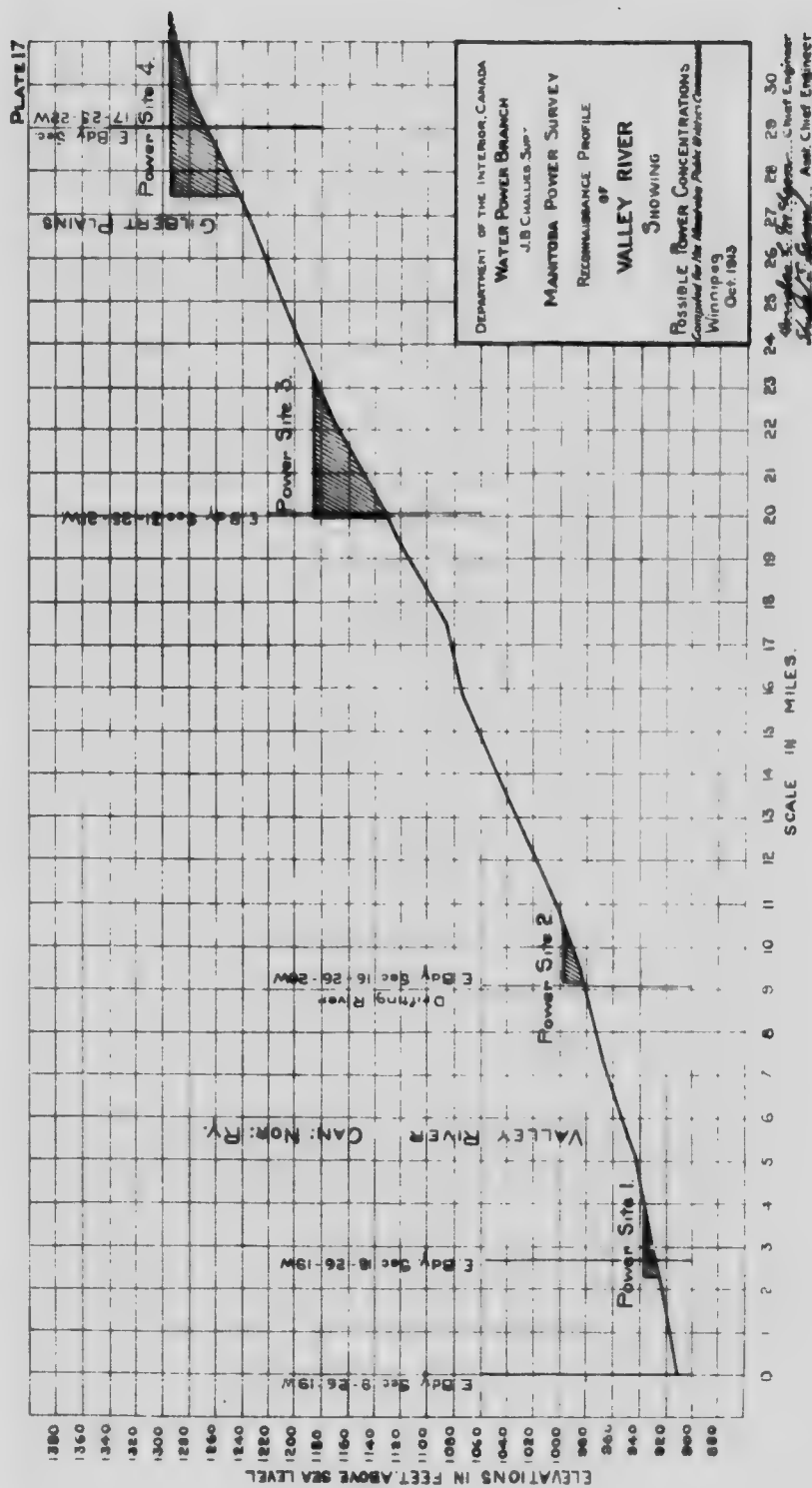
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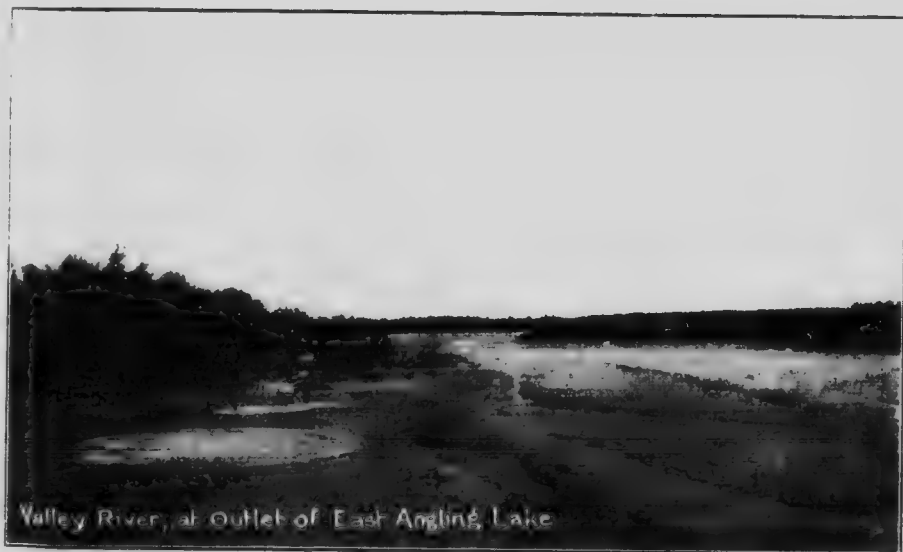
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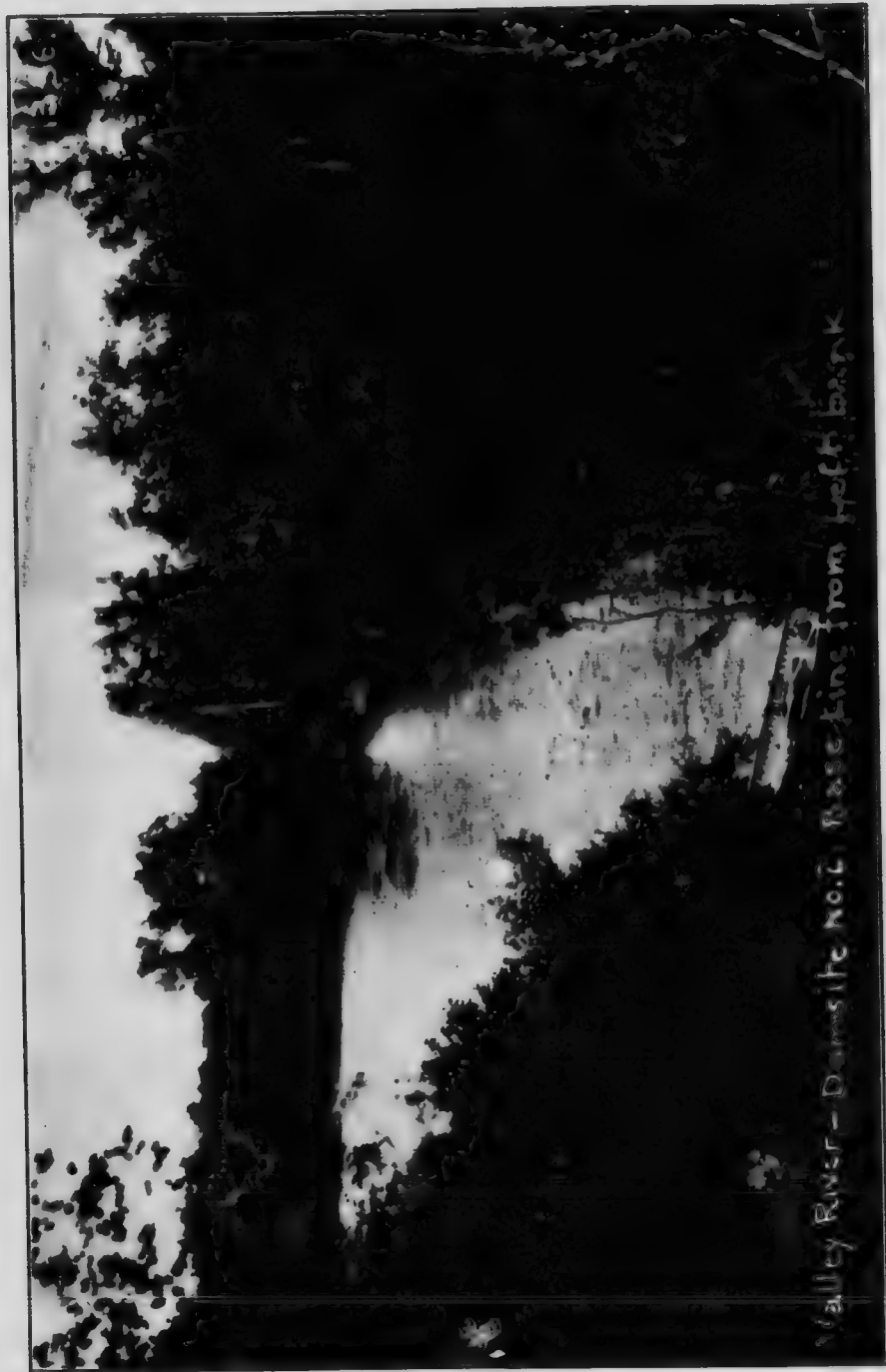




Valley River, McPherson Dam Site. Reach above and below it. July 20th, 1904



Valley River, at Outlet of East Angling Lake



Valley River - Dam site No. 6. Base line from left bank

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graphical features of the shores and outlet would permit of greater depth of storage, but the depth as given has been estimated as being all that the tributary run-off would require. This same feature applies to Singoosh lake, which, though it has not as yet been investigated, is stated locally to be capable of a storage of 10 feet. While further storage might be obtained on other small lakes, the following table gives an estimate of that available on the three above-mentioned lakes:—

Lake.	Area in Acres.	Depth of Storage in Feet.	Storage in Cubic Feet.
East Angling	288	3	37,700,000
North Angling	230	5	50,100,000
Singoosh	2,840	3	376,500,000
Total			464,300,000

From mass curve studies of the run-off of the Valley river for the year ending October 31, 1913, it is estimated that the low flow of the river during winter months could be increased from 20 second-feet, as found in 1913, to 60 second-feet by the utilization of this storage.

K.—WATER-POWER.

The following table gives the estimated power available at four possible power sites in that portion of the river investigated as shown on profile plate No. 17.

The estimated power, based on an 80 per cent efficiency, has been computed under three separate headings:—

(1) On a minimum flow of 20 second-feet as recorded during the winter of 1912-1913.

(2) On a regulated flow of 60 second-feet, it being estimated that the low flow could be increased by regulation to this amount.

(3) On a flow of 100 second-feet, this being the lowest mean monthly flow for a period of six months from April to September, inclusive, and consequently the estimated power under this heading only applies to the period as given.

All estimates of power are based on run-off data for the year ending October 31, 1913, and as these records do not cover an extended period of time, the estimates of the flow are therefore subject to a revision:—

ESTIMATED HORSE POWER ON 80% EFFICIENCY.

POWER SITE.	Head.	Min. Flow.	Regulated Flow.	Lowest monthly mean, 6 mos., April-Sept.
No. 1	19	34	102	152
No. 2	19	34	102	172
No. 3	56	101	303	504
No. 4	52	94	282	468
Total horse-power		203	789	1,816

TABLE No. 58.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Valley River, at Valley River, 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge
			Feet.	Sq. Ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1912							
Oct. 26	W. G. Worden	1191	57	157.2	2.00	2.94	328
1913.							
Feb. 13	A. Pirie	1462	45	80.0	0.25	2.60	20
April 14	"	1186	157	608.6	3.73	6.17	2300
" 14	"	1186	157	608.1	4.10	6.17	2244
" 14	"	1186	154	585.6	3.71	6.03	2182
June 6	E. Bankson	1460	56	146.8	2.01	2.80	286
" 17	G. Ebner	1186	54	126.9	1.48	2.43	188
July 7	A. Pirie	1496	193	777.9	3.86	7.40	3006
" 11	"	1496	144	525.4	4.11	5.95	2163
" 14	G. Ebner	1196	53	124.0	1.68	2.40	216
Aug. 22	W. J. Ireland	1469	60	162.7	2.46	2.30	375
Sept. 17	"	1469	52	98.8	1.00	1.80	107
Oct. 14	C. O. Allen	1435	51	81.8	0.82	1.63	63

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TABLE No. 59.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Valley River, at Valley River, 1912.

Day.	OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1				
2			2 59	
3			2 54	
4			2 50	
5			2 51	
6			2 56	
7			2 51	
8			2 54	
9			2 50	
10			2 47	
11			2 36	
12			2 41	
13			2 51	
14			2 47	
15			2 41	
16			2 34	
17			2 28	
18			2 18	
19			2 14	
20			2 11	
21			2 17	
22			2 32	
23			2 38	
24			2 33	
25			2 26	
26	2 94	371	2 26	
27	2 93	367	2 23	
28	2 88	347	2 19	
29	2 79	307	2 09	
30	2 72	286	2 13	
31	2 69	277	2 12	
	2 67	271	2 09	

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TABLE

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE.

	FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1							3 91	906	2 31	172
2							3 71	786	2 31	172
3					3 54		3 74	804	2 31	172
4					3 32		3 07	762	3 45	630
5					6 02		3 71	786	2 31	172
6			2 61		6 30		3 61	726	2 03	367
7					6 14		4 03	978	2 31	172
8					5 41	1,806	4 03	978	2 24	158
9					4 52	1,272	4 06	906	2 24	158
10					4 44	1,224	3 93	918	2 24	158
11					5 77	2,010	3 94	924	3 04	411
12					5 57	1,800	3 80	840	2 03	367
13	2 00				7 00	2,760	3 46	636	2 31	172
14			2 61		6 01	2,160	3 06	756	2 73	280
15					5 91	2,100	3 71	786	2 51	221
16					5 67	1,950	3 71	786	2 51	221
17					5 71	1,980	3 74	804	2 43	201
18					5 42	1,812	3 53	678	2 58	244
19					5 61	1,920	3 80	804	2 33	178
20	2 61				5 31	1,800	3 60	720	2 30	170
21			2 61		5 31	1,746	3 50	690	2 24	158
22					5 18	1,668	2 61	253	2 20	150
23					5 07	1,602	2 41	197	2 18	146
24					4 71	1,386	2 31	172	2 73	280
25					4 31	1,146	2 31	177	2 71	283
26					3 91	906	2 31	172	3 50	220
27	2 62		2 61		3 51	666	2 31	172	2 50	220
28					3 11	413	2 31	172	2 63	250
29					3 03	918	2 31	172	2 68	271
30					3 81	846	2 31	172	2 60	250
31							2 31	172		

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No. 60.

Valley River, at Valley River, for 1913.

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JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		Days
Gauge height.	Discharge	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height	Discharge	Gauge height.	Discharge.	
Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	
2 74	294	3 11	445	2 05	123	1 14	66	1
3 01	309	3 24	495	1 88	100	1 14	65	2
3 11	445	3 31	3 39	1 89	101	1 54	65	3
4 01	1,506	2 31	350	1 89	101	1 52	63	4
8 29	3,480	2 71	263	1 87	95	1 50	62	5
7 87	3,270	2 91	359	2 67	271	1 52	63	6
7 40	3,000	2 81	319	2 42	199	1 50	67	7
6 21	2,280	2 76	298	2 27	164	1 49	67	8
5 61	1,920	2 61	253	2 20	150	1 47	67	9
5 51	1,800	2 51	253	2 12	134	1 54	65	10
5 95	2,130	2 41	197	2 08	126	1 58	68	11
6 61	2,520	2 36	182	1 91	105	1 55	66	12
8 31	3,540	2 31	172	1 11	38	1 60	70	13
8 20	3,400	2 22	154	1 00	104	1 62	72	14
	2,500	2 22	154	1 00	104	1 60	70	15
5 71	1,680	2 22	154	1 84	96	1 60	73	16
5 31	1,740	2 30	170	1 80	92	1 61	73	17
4 81	1,406	2 21	152	1 79	89	1 61	73	18
4 41	1,206	3 11	445	1 76	86	1 68	78	19
4 11	1,026	3 06	410	1 71	81	1 67	77	20
3 81	846	3 01	399	1 60	70	1 60	76	21
3 56	606	2 89	391	1 50	66	1 51	81	22
3 51	530	2 82	323	1 51	63	1 60	77	23
3 01	309	2 70	280	1 60	70			24
2 81	319	2 60	250	1 59	69			25
2 61	253	2 50	220	1 58	68			26
2 41	197	2 20	150	1 59	69			27
2 21	152	1 15	40	1 59	69			28
2 01	119	2 43	201	1 60	70			29
1 81	93	2 22	154	1 60	70			30
1 61	71	2 15	137					31

MOSSY RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Mossy river, which rises in lake Dauphin, and is some 21 miles in length, discharges into the southerly end of lake Winnipegosis.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

Heading in the extreme northerly portion of lake Dauphin, the river flows in a westerly course for a distance of two miles. It then bends in a northerly direction, retaining this latter course to the mouth.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

With the exception of the Fork and Fishing rivers, which enter the Mossy from the west, the drainage of the basin is collected by lake Dauphin. Discharging into this lake are the Valley, Turtle, Ochre, Wilson and Vermilion rivers. These rivers, which head in many small lakes and muskegs in the Riding and Duck mountains, flow in a general easterly course to the lake. The upper watershed in the mountains comprises a hilly or rolling country which is well timbered, while the lower and greater portion of the basin is undulating prairie, covered in many places with a growth of willows. In this prairie section, which is very fertile, grain growing and mixed farming are carried on extensively.

D.—NATURE OF BANKS.

The banks of the Mossy vary in height from four to fourteen feet, and are composed of blue or yellow clay overlying a bed of fine gravel. Approximately, 1½ miles above lake Winnipegosis, an outcrop of limestone crosses the bed of the river. Here for a distance of 100 feet along the left bank, a vertical face of rock extends some 6 feet above ordinary stages of river level. Below this outcrop, in the vicinity of the mouth of the river, the banks become low and marshy. At various points along the river, dredged material from the river bed has been dumped along shore, giving an irregular bank.

E.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BED.

The Mossy river varies in width from 120 to 200 feet, with an average of 160 feet. The bed of the stream is composed of sand and gravel, with numerous boulders occurring in certain localities. The channel has been improved by dredging and by the removal of boulders, practically eliminating all rapids. Due to sand bars, very shallow water occurs at the entrance to the river at lake Dauphin and also at the mouth of the Winnipegosis.

F.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

To the west of the Mossy, the land is well settled, and fertile fields devoted to the growth of wheat, oats, barley and root crops border on the river. Farming is not carried on to the same extent east of the river, the greater portion of the land being covered with a growth of willows and poplar.

G.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water usually occurs in April and early May at the time of the spring break-up. Heavy rains in the head-waters also give rise to high water during later periods of the year. It is stated that in the year 1902 extreme high water occurred, being

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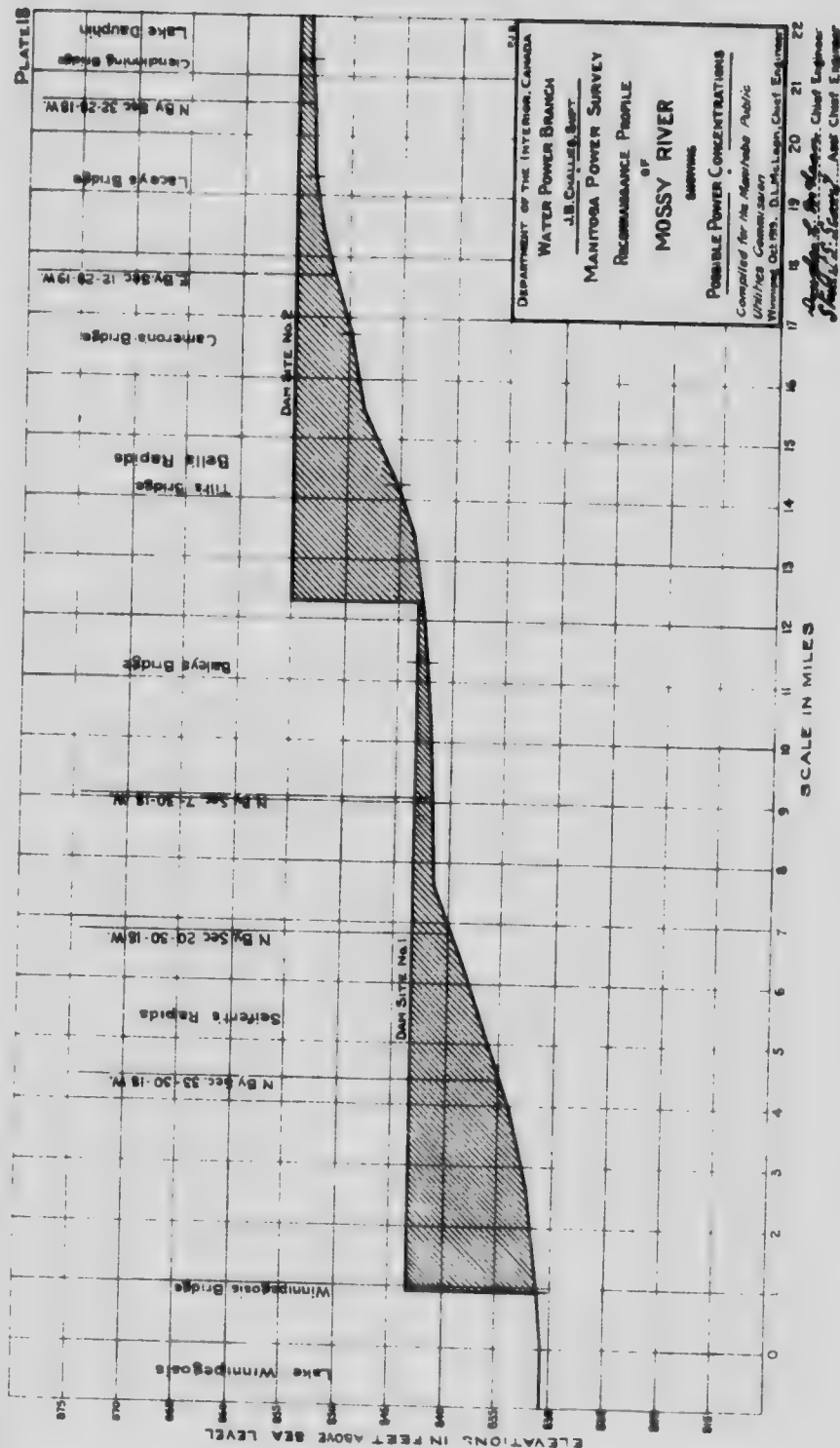
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some six feet higher than the ordinary stages of the river level. In July, 1913, the water was again high, due to prolonged heavy rains, but did not reach within 4 feet of the extreme of 1902. Low water usually occurs in February.

H.—ICE CONDITIONS.

It is stated locally that for the first three miles below lake Dauphin the river does not freeze over in winter, but lower down the surface freezes, in some places to a depth of two feet or more. It is also reported that since the improvements to the river channel, the ice breaks up in the spring without the formation of ice jams.

I.—ACCESSIBILITY AND NAVIGATION.

Winnipegosis, the terminus of the Winnipegosis branch of the Canadian Northern railway, is situated at the mouth of the river. Southerly from this town for a distance of 14 miles to Fork river, the railway is never more distant than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the river. Some six bridges, which are accessible by numerous roads, cross the river at various points. The stream itself is navigable for small crafts, but is not now used for transportation.

J.—SETTLEMENTS.

As stated previously, the adjacent country is a well-settled agricultural district. The town of Winnipegosis, which has a population of some six hundred people, is situated at the mouth of the river, while the town of Dauphin, which is the central point of the district, is only some 40 miles distant therefrom.

K.—SURVEYS.

A geological reconnaissance of the river and tributary country was made in the year 1889 by the Dominion Geological Survey. During the years 1887 to 1898, the country was subdivided by Dominion Land Survey, and opened up for settlement. With a view to lowering lake Dauphin by dredging the river channel, the Dominion Department of Public Works made a survey of the river in 1908 and, in the four following years, dredging was proceeded with. In 1905, D. A. Keizer, C.E., surveyed and reported on a possible power site situated one-half mile above the town of Winnipegosis. During the summer of 1913, a reconnaissance investigation of the power possibilities of the river was made by a field party of the Manitoba Power Survey.

L.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation*.—Although no records of precipitation of sufficient period are available for the district, it is estimated that the mean annual rainfall is approximately 18 inches, the estimate being based on records in adjoining drainage basins of practically the same physical features.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—On July 14, 1913, a gauging station was established on the river one-half mile below the entrance of the Fishing river. Results of meterings taken at this section, together with an estimate of daily discharge from July 14, 1913, are given in tables No. 61 and No. 62.

M.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

Lake Dauphin, with an area of 196 square miles, is practically the collecting basin of all drainage carried by the Mossy. Preliminary investigations indicate that it would be possible to obtain a 3-foot storage on this lake. At the same time it would be

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necessary to consider the effect of any such storage on certain low-lying lands bordering on the lake. The dredging and improvements to the river channel during past years were carried on with the object of lowering the level of lake Dauphin and giving better drainage to such low lands. While the effects of possible drainage are not dealt with in this report, the following table gives an estimate of the flow available from storage on the lake, under the following headings: (a) The capacity of reservoir per foot depth of storage; (b) the rate of draft available for a storage extending over a period of six months; (c) the rate of draft available for a storage extending over one year:

Depth of Storage.	Storage in millions of cu. ft.	FLOW IN CU. FT. PER SECOND.	
		Period 6 mos.	Period 1 year.
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1 foot	5464	346	173
2 "	10928	692	346

N.- POWER POSSIBILITIES.

While the records of stream measurements for this river do not at present extend over sufficient period to define the minimum flow, it is estimated that the minimum flow is approximately 500 second-feet, this estimate being based on gauge records obtained during the winter of 1911-12 by the Department of Public Works, at a point approximately one mile upstream from the Manitoba Hydrographic gauging station. Using this amount, which is subject to verification or revision as future records are obtained, the following table gives the estimated available horse-power at two possible power sites as shown on profile plate No. 18. In the results, as given, the power has been based on an 80 per cent turbine efficiency. No estimate is made as to the additional power available through a regulation of the flow of the river, although the same would greatly increase the power possibilities: -

Power Site.	Head.	Estimated Horse-power, based on 80 per cent efficiency and a minimum flow of 500 second feet.
No. 1.	10	455
No. 2.	10	455
Total horse power		910

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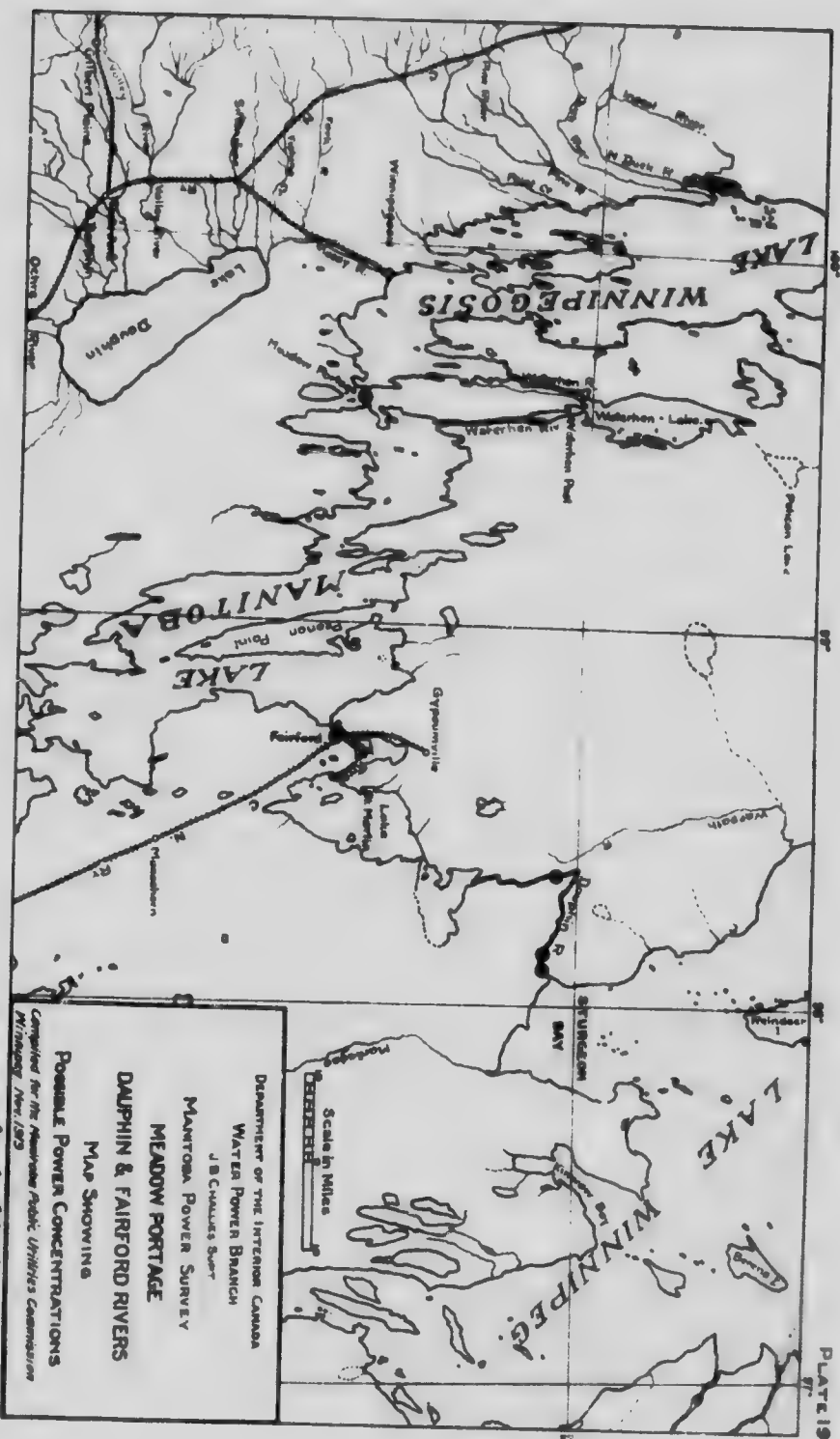
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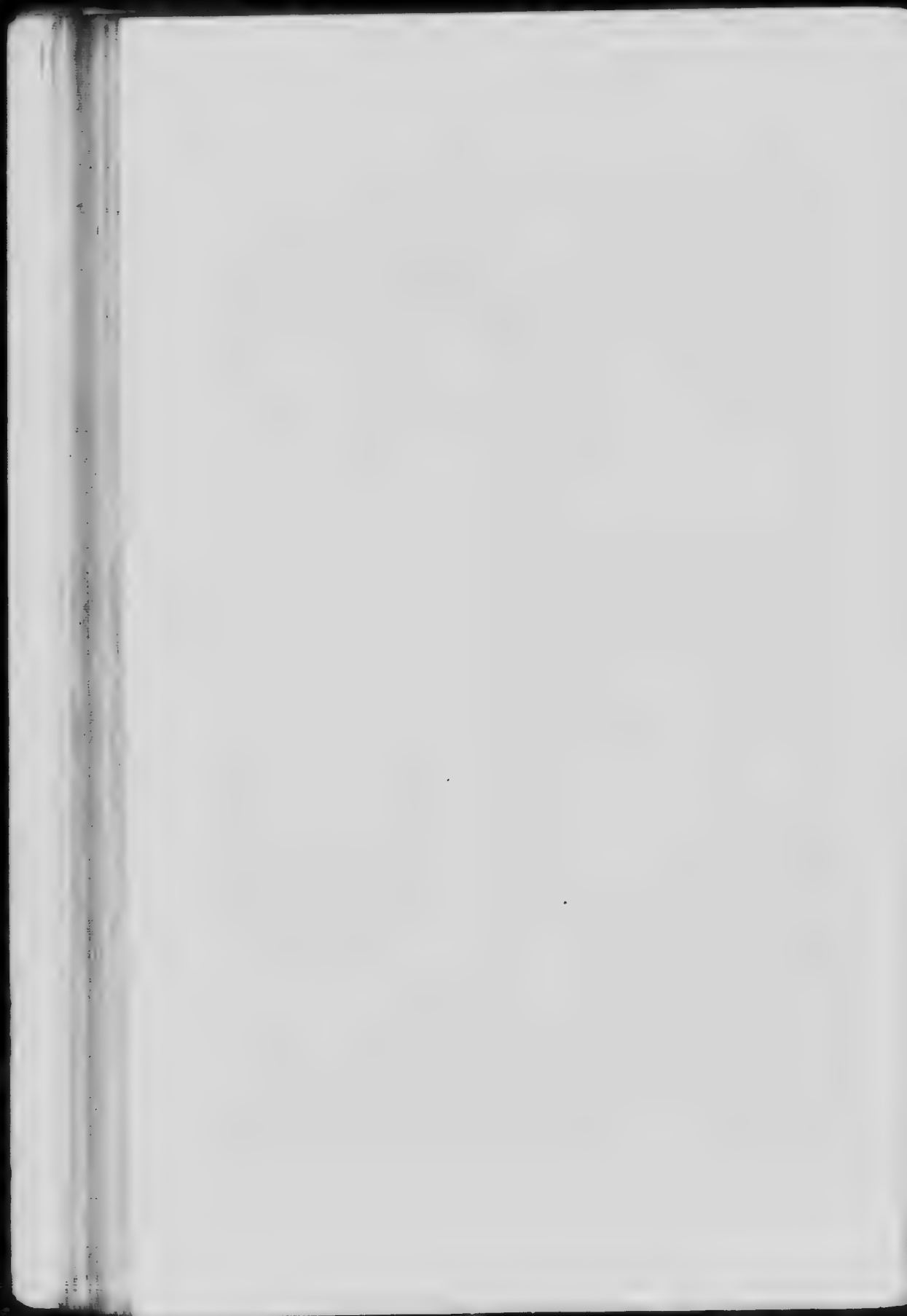
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Mossy River, Bell's Rapids
From above
Aug 18th 1913



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TABLE No. 61.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Mossy River below Fishing River (Lacey's), 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
July 14.....	A. Pirie.....	1496	131.5	591.6	2.80	3.66	1638.1
Aug. 11.....	D. B. Gow.....	1187	128.0	485.0	2.64	3.83	1280.4
" 19.....	D. B. Gow.....	1187	140.0	651.0	1.83	2.63	1191.3 ¹
" 23.....	W. J. Ireland.....	1499	115.8	452.3	2.74	2.68	1151.3
Nov. 11.....	C. O. Allen.....	1374	103	229	2.31	1.59	666

¹ Metered two miles below regular section.

TABLE No. 62.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Mossy River, near Fishing River, for 1913.

Day.	JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1.....			3.20	1435	2.55	1105	2.04	868
2.....			3.20	1435	2.53	1065	2.05	868
3.....			3.20	1435	2.50	1080	2.03	859
4.....			3.30	1490	2.50	1080	1.87	788
5.....			3.10	1380	2.50	1080	1.90	800
6.....			3.10	1380	2.51	1085	1.90	800
7.....			3.00	1330	2.50	1080	1.85	780
8.....			2.90	1280	2.50	1080	1.85	780
9.....			2.90	1280	2.30	980	1.86	784
10.....			2.50	1080	2.20	935	1.30	560
11.....			2.50	1080	2.20	935	1.60	680
12.....			2.50	1080	2.21	940	1.65	700
13.....			2.50	1080	2.23	940	1.64	696
14.....	3.70	1710	2.80	1230	2.20	935	1.59	676
15.....	3.60	1655	2.70	1180	2.20	935	1.63	692
16.....	3.60	1655	2.70	1180	2.19	931	1.63	692
17.....	3.50	1600	2.67	1165	2.10	890	1.70	720
18.....	3.50	1600	2.66	1160	2.15	913	1.70	720
19.....	3.40	1545	2.68	1170	0.63	329	1.70	720
20.....	3.40	1545	2.67	1165	1.15	498	1.70	720
21.....	3.40	1545	2.66	1160	1.90	800	1.65	700
22.....	3.30	1490	2.67	1165	2.00	845	1.70	720
23.....	3.30	1490	2.67	1165	2.20	935	1.70	720
24.....	3.30	1490	2.65	1155	2.20	935	1.70	720
25.....	3.30	1490	2.65	1155	2.10	890	1.70	720
26.....	3.30	1490	2.65	1155	2.05	868	1.70	720
27.....	3.20	1435	2.65	1155	2.07	876	0.50	410
28.....	3.20	1435	2.63	1145	2.00	84	0.90	410
29.....	3.40	1545	2.63	1145	2.00	84	1.10	480
30.....	3.20	1435	2.63	1145	2.00	845	1.10	480
31.....	3.20	1435	2.50	1080			1.73	491

WATERHEN RIVER AND MEADOW PORTAGE.

WATERHEN RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Waterhen river, plate No. 19, flows out of lake Winnipegosis at its southerly end, and discharges into the northerly end of lake Manitoba.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

Heading in Long reach of lake Winnipegosis, the river flows in two distinct channels in a northerly direction a distance of some 8 miles, and enters Waterhen lake; passing through this lake the river flows in a southerly direction some 18 miles before emptying into lake Manitoba.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

The drainage basin of the Waterhen river, which has an area of 21,200 square miles at the outlet of lake Winnipegosis, comprises that portion of Manitoba lying between the above lake and the highlands of the Porcupine, Riding and Duck mountains. Westward, from lake Winnipegosis to the mountains, the basin is a slightly undulating plain with a gentle upward slope which, for the most part, has an underlying soil of clay, through which occasional rock outcrops occur. In the vicinity of the mountains the country becomes rugged and rises very abruptly. This upper land in which lie the head-waters of the drainage is, to a great extent, covered with a timber growth of pine and spruce. The main streams tributary to lake Winnipegosis heading in this district are the Red Deer, Swan and Valley rivers. While several large lakes such as lakes Winnipegosis, Red Deer, Swan and Dauphin are situated in the lower portion of the drainage, yet lakes occurring in the head-waters, though numerous are exceedingly small in size.

D. RIVER CHANNEL.

From lake Winnipegosis to Waterhen lake there are two distinct river channels. A smaller channel heads in the lakes some six miles south of the main river and has a course parallel to the latter with an intervening space varying in width from one-half mile to a mile. At a mile from the source of the main river a cross channel flows from it to the smaller stream. Below this there is no connection between the two rivers until Waterhen lake is reached; from this lake to lake Manitoba the river flows in one channel only.

E.—NATURE OF BANKS.

In both the upper channels the river flows between low marshy banks which extend back some 1,200 feet before the timber line is reached. Where this growth occurs the banks reach an average elevation of from three to four feet above the ordinary stages of river level. Great portions of the intervening space between river and timber line are covered with water, and growths of reeds extend far out into the river itself. The soil, to a depth of one foot, is light and sandy, but underlying this is a strata of light blue clay mixed with gravel. From Waterhen lake to within a few miles of lake Manitoba, the banks are slightly higher and drier and, from surface indications, are composed of the same soil. In the vicinity of lake Manitoba the banks again become low and marshy.

F.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF THE BED.

The width of the main Waterhen river averages about 600 feet, with the exception of the portion in the vicinity of the lakes where the width increases to approx-

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mately a mile. The smaller channel, or Little Waterhen, has an average width of some 200 feet. The bottom of both rivers is composed of gravel strewn in some places with large boulders which, in the reach of the river below Waterhen lake, make navigation very difficult.

G.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

Hay meadow land borders the river for almost its entire length, but very little hay is cut, due to the extreme wetness of the land. Timber is plentiful but consists almost entirely of poplar, with a sprinkling of spruce and birch. At the Waterhen Trading post on Waterhen lake, root crops are grown for local consumption.

H. RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation.*—No definite information relating to precipitation is available for this whole drainage basin. Records at Russell and Minnedosa, which are situated slightly to the south of the drainage basin, show a mean annual precipitation at Russell of 16.4 inches for a period of nine years, and a mean annual precipitation of 17.8 inches at Minnedosa for a period of 32 years. As somewhat similar physical conditions apply both to the upper drainage of the Waterhen and to these two points, it may be assumed that the precipitation is of like amount.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—In the summer of 1881, a discharge measurement of the Waterhen river was made by Thomas Guerin, C.E. No further measurements appear to have been made until 1913, when a metering was made by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey at a section below Waterhen lake, showing a discharge of 8474 second feet, table No. 63. Owing to the inaccessibility of this portion of the river, no regular gauging station has been maintained. In the absence of more reliable data, an estimated low flow of 5,000 second-feet has been based on measurements made on the Fairford river during 1912-13 by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. While this estimate is used for computing the power possibilities, it should be borne in mind that the flow given is purely an estimate, and is subject to revision.

I.—MEADOW PORTAGE AND POWER POSSIBILITIES

As a power possibility in itself, the Waterhen river does not offer any very attractive features, but rather by the diversion of its waters across the narrow neck of land separating lake Winnipegosis from lake Manitoba. This strip of land, lying at the southwest corner of the former lake, has, at its narrowest part in the vicinity of Meadow Portage, a width of some 9,400 feet. The summit elevation is approximately six feet above lake Winnipegosis, and the surface soil is composed of a light grey calcareous clay, holding many pebbles of limestone. From investigations made at the summit, hard-pan occurs at a depth of four feet, while adjacent to the lakes clay constitutes the underlying soil.

At various times the construction of a canal between the two lakes has been advocated for navigation purposes and, were this undertaking proceeded with, the development of power in conjunction with the canal would be an important factor.

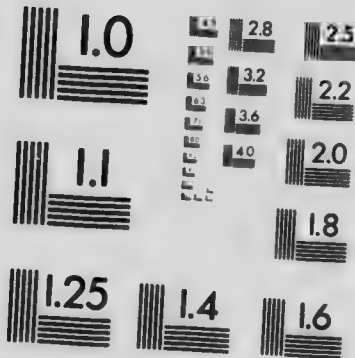
J.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Waterhen river and Mossy Portage are both accessible in summer by boat from the town of Winnipegosis, which is situated at the southern end of lake Winnipegosis. The distance from this latter place by water is some 22 miles to the river and 15 miles to the portage. A wagon road also leads from the town to the portage. The Waterhen river is navigable for boats of shallow draught, but, below Waterhen lake, navigation is difficult, due to boulders in the river bed and to submerged vegetation.



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K.—SETTLEMENTS.

Outside the Waterhen Indian Reserve, which lies to the north of Meadow Portage, and between the upper and lower branches of the Waterhen, no settlements of any size are situated in the immediate vicinity. Land surrounding the Meadow Portage has been subdivided and is partially settled.

L.—SURVEYS OF WATERHEN RIVER AND MEADOW PORTAGE.

The country in the vicinity of Meadow Portage has been subdivided by Dominion Land Survey. In 1889 the Geological Survey of Canada made a geological survey of the district, including the Waterhen river. A survey of Meadow Portage was made slightly previous to the year 1909 by the Dominion Department of Public Works, while in the year 1909 further investigations were carried on by the same department. In the summer of 1913 a reconnaissance survey of Meadow Portage was made by the Manitoba Power Survey, with Mr. D. B. Gow in charge of the field party. At the same time, investigations were made as to the location of dam sites on the upper Waterhen rivers, as it would be necessary to divert the waters from this outlet for a complete development in the vicinity of Meadow Portage.

M.—HEAD AVAILABLE.

The difference in elevation between the two lakes on August 26, 1913, as determined by the Manitoba Power Survey, was 18.6 feet. The water in both lakes at the time was stated locally to be at a high stage. As published in the Geological Survey Report of 1889-91, the difference in elevation in 1873 was found by Mr. H. B. Smith, C. E., to be 18.73 feet, and later, in 1889, a determination of 17.4 feet was made by G. A. Bayre, C.E.

Due to storms on the lakes, considerable variation in this drop is quite probable. It is stated that a severe storm from the northwest is capable of raising the waters at the southerly end of the lake Winnipegosis to an extent of three feet. Evidences of such an effect were noted, after a severe storm, by the Manitoba Power Survey. At the same time, a lowering of the northern waters of lake Manitoba occurs, but of a decidedly smaller range than in the upper lake.

N.—WATER-POWER.

As stated previously, a low flow of 5,000 second-feet has been assumed for the Waterhen river. This, together with an approximate head of 15 feet (both of which figures are subject to revision) would, on a basis of 80 per cent efficiency, show a power possibility of 6,807 horse-power.

O.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

Lake Winnipegosis, which acts as the collecting basin for the entire drainage area, offers immense storage possibilities. It has an area, exclusive of islands, of some 2,000 square miles. While storage would be possible on this lake, the effect of any raising of the waters would have to be considered with reference to any low-lying areas bordering on the lake. The following table has been computed in order to show the possibilities of additional flow and power from such storage under the following headings: (a) the flow in cubic feet per second for a storage utilized in a period of six months; (b) the power available from this flow based on a 15 foot head at 80 per

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Water Hen River - Typical View of upper Main River



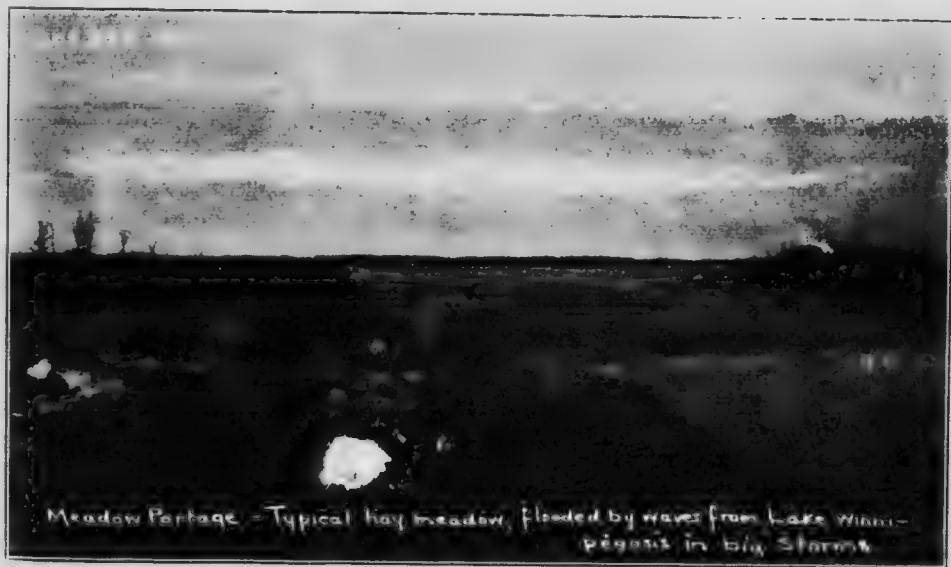
Little Waterhen River - Typical view of Water channel



Meadow Brook - Lake Umbagog, N.H.



Meadow Portage - Shore line - Lake Winnipegosis Side



Meadow Portage - Typical hay meadow, flooded by waves from Lake Winnipegosis in big storm.

cent efficiency; (c) the flow in cubic feet per second for a storage utilized in a period of a year; (d) the power available based on the same conditions as in (b).

Depth of Storage in Feet.	Flow in Sec. ft. for 6 months.	Horse-power.	Flow in Sec. ft., 1 year.	Horse-power.
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.....	3,536	4,814	1,768	2,407
2.....	7,072	9,628	3,536	4,814

TABLE No. 63.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT of Waterhen River, four miles from Lake Manitoba, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
1913.			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
Aug. 22.	D. B. Gow	1187	4.9	3038	279	.....	8474

FAIRFORD AND DAUPHIN RIVERS.

A.—LOCATION AND GENERAL DIRECTION.

The Fairford and Dauphin rivers (*see* plate No. 19), form the connection between lake Manitoba and lake Winnipeg. Heading in lake Manitoba at almost the extreme northeasterly corner, the Fairford river flows in a northeasterly direction and enters the westerly end of lake St. Martin. This latter lake is discharged by the Dauphin river which heads in the northeast corner of the lake, and flows almost due north for a distance of 14 miles. A sharp bend to the east then occurs in the river and this latter course is held throughout to the mouth, which enters Sturgeon bay on the west shore of lake Winnipeg.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

Lake Manitoba, with an area of 1,711 square miles, acts as a collecting basin for practically all the drainage carried by this system of rivers. In general terms, the area drained is that land lying to the east of the Manitoba escarpment, together with those portions of the plains tributary to the Swan and Red Deer rivers. While the upper reaches of the watershed extend into the Riding, Duck and Porcupine mountains, where the country is hilly and to a great extent covered by a forest growth, yet the greater portion of the area is a slightly undulating prairie. The soil for the most part is an agricultural clay overlying beds of gravel, with occasional rock outcrops. Numerous lakes occurring in the drainage vary in size from mere ponds to lakes of great extent, such as lakes Winnipegosis and Manitoba. In the mountain district, the lakes, though numerous, are small in size. In the central portion of the basin three larger lakes occur, lake Dauphin with an area of 196 square miles, Swan lake with an area of 121 square miles, and Red Deer lake of some 100 square miles. These latter lakes, together with many streams, empty into lake Winnipegosis which has an area of 2,000 square miles. The Waterhen river, forming the connecting link in the drainage system between lake Winnipegosis and lake Manitoba, flows in a 'V' shaped

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course across a narrow neck of land separating these two lakes. While considerable adjacent territory drains into lake Manitoba, yet the only other tributary of any size is the Whitemud river. From the outlet of the lake to the mouth of the Dauphin river in Sturgeon bay, no streams of any extent are tributary to the river system.

C.—NATURE OF BANKS.

For the first three miles the banks of the Fairford river are well defined, varying from 3 to 10 feet in height, reaching a maximum in the immediate vicinity of the C.N.R. bridge at Fairford station. Below this point the banks become gradually lower, opening out into a wide expanse of low marshy land, which merges into a stretch of water known as lake Pinemuta. After leaving this lake, the banks range from 2 to 3 feet in height, but again merge into swampy shores as lake St. Martin is approached. Throughout, the banks are composed of light grey clay, in which a few boulders are imbedded. Where the Dauphin river leaves lake St. Martin, the banks are poorly defined, low-lying meadows, subject to overflow in periods of high water, merge into the timber line about one-half mile from the other side of the channel. The banks, which are composed of sandy clay and which vary in height from one-half foot to two feet, present this same general appearance for the first 11 miles of river; at this distance from the lake, the river cuts through a sandy ridge running in an east-and-west direction, and of a maximum height of some 8 feet. For the following 12 miles, to a point on the river where rapids occur, the banks become higher, ranging from 1 to 6 feet in height, though in many places giving way to swampy indentations. From the rapids to Sturgeon bay there is a range of from 5 to 32 feet. At numerous places in this lower reach, limestone ridges cross the bed of the river, and rock outcrops are visible in the sandy soil of the banks.

D.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BOTTOM.

The Fairford river varies in width from 500 to 900 feet. It is stated that the river is shallow in the vicinity of lake Manitoba, where it flows over a bed of limestone. About one-half mile below this a small rapids is caused by a bed of limestone and gneiss boulders; this same feature is also noticeable in the lower portion of the river.

The Dauphin river, which has an average width of 450 feet, is in places slightly narrower than the Fairford. The river bed for the first 11 miles is sandy and seemingly free from large boulders, but below this gravel bars and boulder-strewn bottom are encountered, both of which give rise to numerous rapids. Outcroppings of limestone are also found in this lower reach of the river.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

The Fairford Indian reserve borders on the Fairford river, and the banks for a short distance in the immediate vicinity have been cleared of timber. Beyond this is a thick growth of poplar.

Along the Dauphin river the greater portion of the land is covered with a dense growth of poplar, spruce, maple, oak and birch, yet at the same time large areas of low-lying swamp land and hay meadows are scattered throughout the course of the river. With the exception of some fields devoted to root crops along the Fairford river, farming is not carried on to any extent in this district.

F.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water usually comes in the latter part of April and the early part of May, while February is the month of low water. The range in river level between these

two periods is ordinarily some 4 feet. An extreme range of some 8 feet was noted in the year 1902.

G.—ICE CONDITIONS.

It is stated that for the first three miles, the Fairford river does not freeze over in winter, but below this an ice cover forms. The statement is also made that during the spring break-up on the Fairford the ice passes away freely without formations of jams or of destruction to the banks, while severe jams do occur on the Dauphin river at the rapids near Sturgeon bay. It is claimed that the jams at this point have caused a rise of from 15 to 20 feet above ordinary summer stages. Evidence of such an occurrence was noted by a field party of the Manitoba Power Survey, boulders, logs and driftwood being found fully 20 feet above the water level of September, 1913.

H.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Fairford river is navigable for small steamers, though it is claimed that difficulty occurs near lake Manitoba, due to bars.

Navigation on the Dauphin river is also possible for small steamers in early summer, but according to local information the river is treacherous, due to continual change of channel. The only point at which the river system is accessible by railroad is at Fairford, where the C. N. Ry. have a bridge spanning the river.

While no railroad lies in the immediate vicinity of the Dauphin river, yet steamers plying on lake Winnipeg navigate to the mouth of the river in Sturgeon bay.

I.—SETTLEMENTS.

Outside of the settlements in the Indian reserve, only two settlements are located in the district, one of those being at Fairford, which is one-half mile from the C.N.R. crossing of the Fairford river, and the other settlement is at Sturgeon bay. At this latter place a fish hatchery was constructed by the Department of Marine and Fisheries during the year 1913.

J.—SURVEYS.

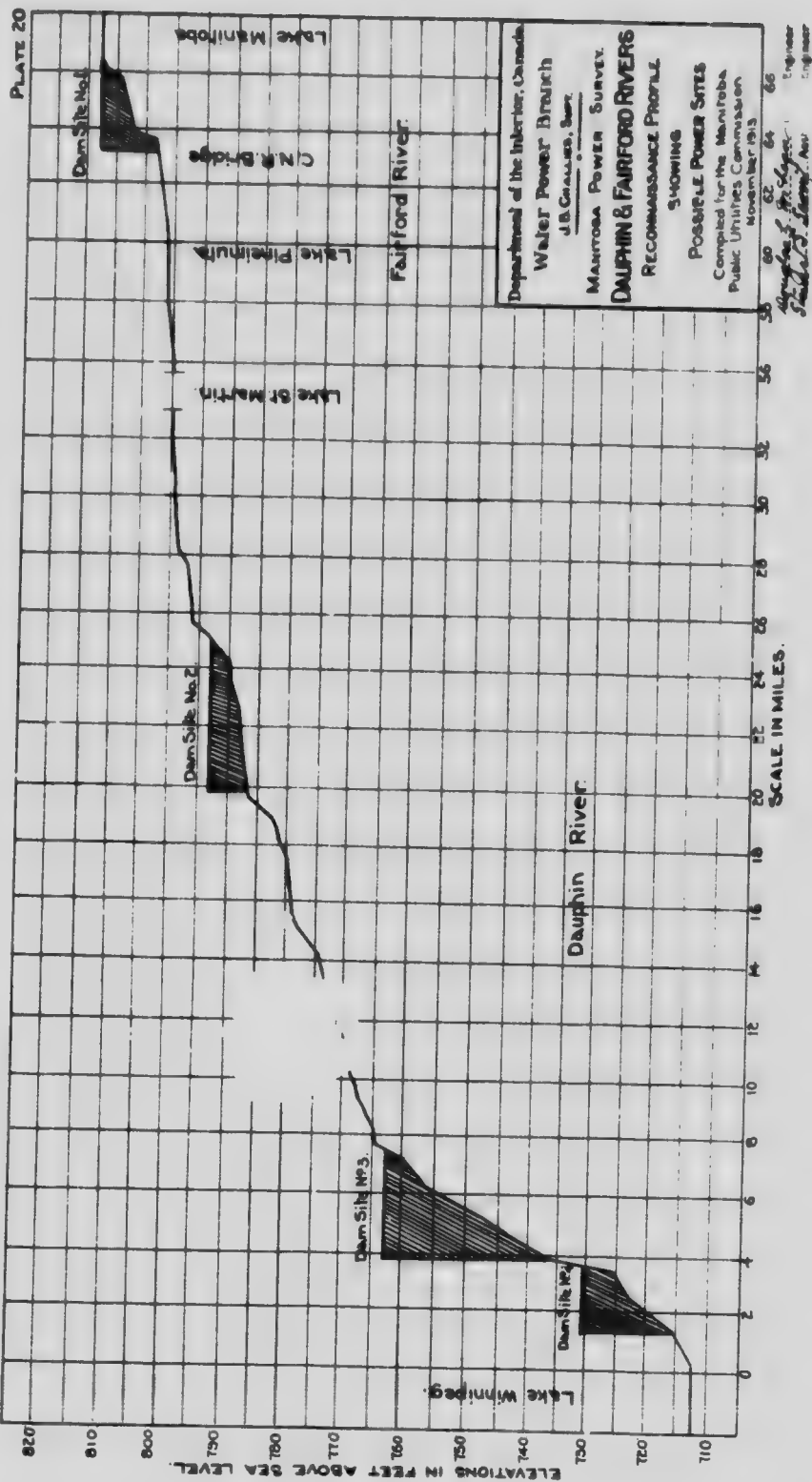
A geological reconnaissance was made of the rivers in 1889 and 1890 by the Geological Survey of Canada. Surveys at the Indian reserve on the Fairford river have also been made by the Department of Indian Affairs.

In order to secure data for the improvement of navigation on the Fairford river, surveys extending over the years 1898, 1908, 1910 and 1913 have been made by the Dominion Department of Public Works. In September and October, 1913, a reconnaissance survey of the power possibilities of the river system was made by a field party of the Manitoba Power Survey operating under the direction of the Water-power Branch of the Department of the Interior. A profile of the river, together with investigations of possible power concentrations, were made by this party.

K.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—Rainfall in this drainage basin is estimated to be a mean of some 18 or 19 inches per annum. Records of very short term have been made of some few places in the district, and on these the above estimate has been based.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—Discharge measurements by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey have been made since June 28, 1912, at the C.N.R. bridge crossing



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the Fairford river near Fairford post office, the results of these measurements being given in table No. 64. Due to changes in the river channel, such as the building of coffer dams and piers at the above bridge, a regular station could not be established, as the above obstructions caused such extreme ranges in gauge heights that no rating of the station was possible. The bridge was completed in the fall of 1913, and on October 30 a gauging station was established. Data is now being obtained so that a complete record of the daily flow from this latter data will be available.

From the results of the above measurements, low flow of 5,000 second-feet has been estimated for the winter of 1912-13. While this flow is being used for the computation of possible power, yet it should be borne in mind that, being an estimate, it is subject to revision when more complete data are obtained.

L.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

Containing, as it does, an immense lake area in the lower reaches of the watershed, it should be possible to obtain practically a complete regulation of the flow. An estimate of the storage possibilities on lake Winnipegosis, and the resulting increase in flow during low periods, has already been made in chapter VIII, with relation to the Waterhen river and Meadow Portage.

Lake Manitoba is said to ordinarily vary one foot above and one foot below its mean level, giving in all a range of two feet. Assuming that such a range for storage purposes could be utilized, the following table gives the various rates of draft available from such a storage completely used in a period of either 3 months, 6 months, or a year:—

Depth of Storage.	Storage in Millions of cu. ft.	RATE OF DRAFT IN SECOND FEET		
		Period 3 Months.	Period 6 Months.	Period 1 Year.
1 foot	47.7	6048	3024	1512
2 "	95.4	12096	6048	3024

M.—WATER-POWER.

Possible power concentration on the rivers are shown on the profile on plate No. 20. An estimate of the power available at these sites is given in the following table. The power has been computed at 80 per cent efficiency on an estimated low flow of 5,000 second-feet, no estimate having been made to the additional power available through storage:—

Power Site.	Head in Feet.	Estimated Horse-power at 80 per cent Efficiency, Low Flow of 5,000 Second-feet.
No. 1.....	8	
No. 2.....	6.5	36330
No. 3.....	28	2950
No. 4.....	16	12706
		7260
Total horse-power.....		96546





Fairford River - C.N.R. Bridge - Fairford, from above



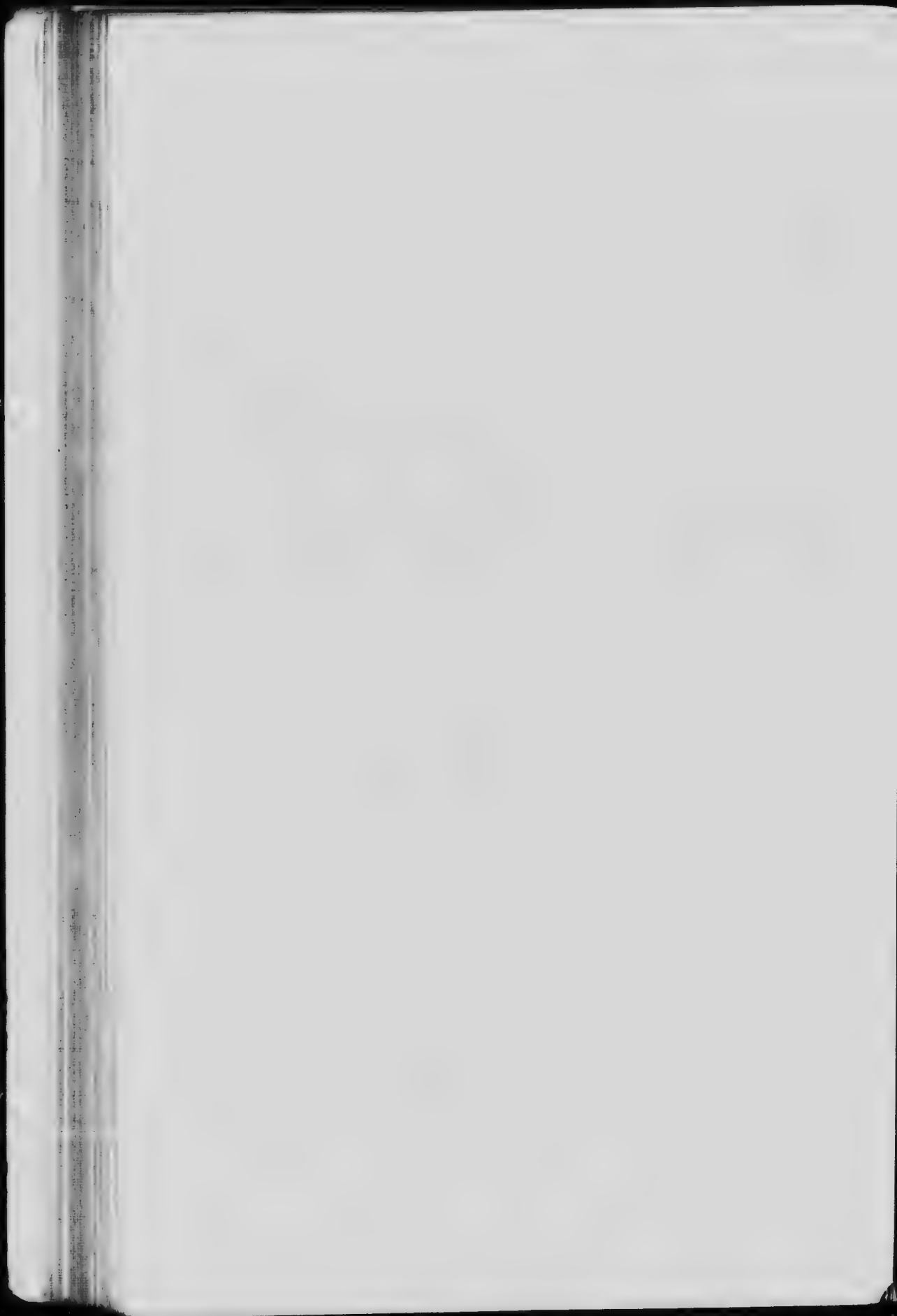
Deception Bay - South Bay, from above



Dauphin River - Rapids - Exit to Sturgeon Bay.



Dauphin River - Rapids - Typical view below Rapids.



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TABLE No. 64.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Fairford River, at Fairford, 1913.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft per sec	Feet.	Sec. ft.
June 28.	G. H. Burnham	1187	293	1919	4.08	7.82	7849
July 31.	G. H. Burnham	1187	269	1716	4.01	7.48	6897
Aug. 29.	Alex. Pirie	1197	279	1720	4.88	7.60	8341
Oct. 11.	R. H. Nelson	1187	280	1616	4.38	7.52	7083
Dec. 6.	G. J. Lamb	1187	308	1966	4.52	9.60	8886
Apr. 24.	E. Bankson	1469	283	1572	4.68	7.33	7345
May 15.	G. Ebner	1186	320	1617	4.57	7.56	7527
Aug. 14.	C. O. Allen	3	253	1824	4.10	7.50	7475

SWAN RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Swan river (*See* plate No. 21), situated in central western Manitoba, rises to the west of the Porcupine mountain, and, flowing in the valley between the Porcupine and Duck mountains, discharges into Swan lake.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

Heading in township 42 along the second meridian, the river flows in a southerly direction a distance of 50 miles. Here the river bends to the northeast, continuing this latter course to its mouth.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

The Swan river flows in a wide, deep valley, lying between the Duck and Porcupine mountains. In the lower portion of the watershed from Swan lake to the point at which the river loops around the Porcupine mountains, practically all drainage enter from the south. Many small tributaries heading in the Duck mountains enter from that direction. To the north of this portion of the river the drainage area is confined by the Woody river, which has a parallel course to that of the Swan. Above the bend or loop, the basin widens out, with many small tributaries entering from the east and west. Many springs are stated to exist in the vicinity of the river, but the lakes of the basin are both small and few in number.

D.—NATURE OF BED AND BANKS.

The valley and the banks of the river are to a great extent composed of a deposit of alluvial sand or clay. In the upper portion of the valley it is stated that outcroppings of grey clay shale and sandstone occur along the river. The latter has an average width of 150 feet, with banks ranging from ten to fifty feet in height, and a bed reported to be composed of gravel and clay, with the occurrence of boulders at many points.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

In many portions of the mountain country there is an overgrowth of timber, while in the Swan River valley the country is more open. On the rich meadow land of this district, grain growing and farming are carried on extensively.

F.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

The latter part of April is usually the period of high water, while February is the low-water month. In the year 1913, a range of some 4 feet was recorded between the two extremes.

G.—TRANSPORTATION.

Due to many beds of boulders in the river, navigation is impossible. The river is accessible, however, by old trails, and is also crossed by the Canadian Northern railway at the town of Swan River. A branch line of this railway parallels the course of the river for a considerable distance above the town.

H.—SETTLEMENTS.

The country is essentially an agricultural district, and is well settled. The town of Swan River, which is the commercial centre, is the most important settlement, though many smaller settlements occur throughout the district.

I.—SURVEYS OF THE RIVER.

The Geological Survey of Canada made a geological survey of the river and the surrounding territory in the year 1889.

In the year 1909, Messrs. Pratt and Ross, hydraulic engineers, investigated the power possibilities of the river in the vicinity of the town of Swan River, and reported upon a possible power development. A gauging station was later established on the river on October 24, 1912, by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey.

J.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation.*—No complete records of precipitation are available for this basin, but it is estimated that the annual mean is some nineteen inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—Discharge measurements have been made by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey near the town of Swan River since October 24, 1912, the results of this work being given in table No. 65. As shown by the estimated daily discharges in tables No. 66 and No. 67 the minimum flow for the year 1913 to October 31, was 50 second-feet, while a flood discharge during the same period amounted to 4,800 second-feet.

K.—WATER-POWER.

No field survey has been made of the power possibilities of the river though it is known that considerable fall does occur throughout the extent of the river. At the junction of Snake creek with the Swan river, some 18 miles west of the Manitoba boundary, the elevation of the river bed, as obtained from preliminary lines of the Canadian Pacific railway, is 1,390 feet above sea-level, while Swan lake is at an elevation of 835 feet. This would indicate a drop of 535 feet in an approximate distance of 100 miles of river. In 1909, Messrs. Pratt and Ross reported on a possible power concentration of some 14 feet head in the vicinity of the town of Swan River. Based on the estimates of flow for the year ending October 31, 1913, the fol-



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Swan River Looking downstream from Metering Station

Following table gives the power available per foot head at an 80 per cent efficiency, and is computed for a low flow of 50 second-feet, and also for the lowest monthly mean flow (160 second-feet) for the period of 7 months from April to October. In this latter case, the estimated power only relates to the periods as stated above:—

ESTIMATED HORSE-POWER AT 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.

Head in Feet.	Minimum Flow, 50 sec.-feet.	Flow 160 sec.-feet.	Period, April to Oct.
1	4.5		14.5
10	45		145
20	90		290

TABLE No. 65.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Swan River, at Swan River, Man., 1912-13.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. feet.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-feet.
1912.							
Oct. 24.	W. G. Worden.	1196	138	404	2.51	2.55	1613
Dec. 11.	G. Lamb.	1187	101	177	.72	1.43	125
1913.							
Feb. 12.	A. Pirie.	1469	105	54	1.00	1.31	54
April 12.	"		150			4.12	4055
April 13.	"	1186	150	781	5.27	4.96	4116
April 13.	"	1186	150	781	5.44	4.96	4251
June 5.	E. Bankson.	1469	138	387	1.50	1.93	583
June 17.	G. Ebner	1186	133	324	1.24	1.51	401
July 8.	A. Pirie.	1496	144	674	3.88	4.01	2618
Aug. 13.	G. Ebner	1196	140	341	1.25	1.64	428
Aug. 26.	W. J. Ireland.	1469	137	357	1.35	1.94	490
Sept. 1.	"	1469	122	251	1.03	1.47	316
Sept. 23.	"	1469	122	251	.62	0.98	155
Oct. 13.	C. O. Allen.	1435	123	258	.65	1.00	167

. Ice measurements.

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TABLE No. 66.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, SWAN RIVER, near Swan River, Man., for 1912.
[Drainage area, 1,215 square miles.]

Day.	OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1			2 13	716		
2			1 90	560		
3			1 73	462		
4			1 71	451		
5			1 71	451		
6			1 72	456		
7			1 73	462		
8			1 72	456		
9			1 71	451		
10			1 71	451		
11			1 70	445	1 43	1 25
12			1 70	445		
13			1 69	440		
14			1 69	440		
15			1 69	440		
16			1 68	435		
17						
18						
19						
20					1 23	
21						
22						
23						
24	2 56	1041				
25	2 55	1033				
26	2 51	990				
27	2 42	926				
28	2 35	873			1 23	
29	2 34	865				
30	2 28	821				
31	2 25	800				

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TABLE

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, SWAN

[Drainage area,

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River, near Swan River, Man., for 1913.

[1,215 square miles.]

Day.	JUNE.		JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1	2 20	765	2 30	903	2 04	653	1 51	350	0 98	141
2	2 13	716	2 73	1187	1 97	606	1 46	327	0 96	134
3	2 07	674	3 24	1694	1 87	542	1 51	350	0 97	137
4	1 99	619	4 67	3702	1 63	435	1 53	360	0 95	131
5	1 96	599	4 58	3558	1 57	390	1 53	360	0 95	131
6	1 93	580	4 52	3462	1 50	345	1 53	360	0 93	125
7	1 83	580	4 24	3014	1 44	318	1 46	327	0 99	144
8	1 92	573	3 95	2580	1 39	296	1 42	309	0 99	144
9	1 87	542	3 68	2214	1 41	305	1 51	350	1 01	151
10	1 81	506	3 46	1944	1 40	300	1 48	336	1 07	172
11	1 75	473	3 57	2074	1 50	345	1 45	322	1 07	172
12	1 75	473	3 76	2318	1 62	405	1 35	280	1 09	179
13	1 67	430	3 97	2608	1 65	420	1 30	260	1 10	182
14	1 66	425	4 09	2664	1 70	445	1 26	244	1 12	190
15	1 65	420	4 02	2680	1 86	536	1 20	220	1 10	182
16	1 59	390	3 97	2608	2 06	667	1 18	212	1 08	175
17	1 54	365	3 87	2468	2 19	758	1 15	201	1 09	179
18	1 48	336	3 69	2227	2 22	779	1 11	186	1 05	165
19	1 43	314	3 41	1887	2 24	793	1 10	182	1 02	154
20	1 39	296	3 13	1577	2 25	800	1 07	172	0 98	169
21	1 39	296	2 91	1355	2 30	835	1 05	165	0 90	115
22	1 33	272	2 71	1169	2 34	865	1 04	161	1 13	193
23	1 25	240	2 47	966	2 23	786	1 01	151	1 08	175
24	1 22	228	2 31	841	2 09	688	1 04	161	1 07	174
25	1 20	256	2 18	751	2 00	625	1 08	175	1 01	151
26	1 26	244	2 12	709	1 89	554	1 07	172	1 01	151
27	1 97	606	2 01	632	1 74	467	1 05	165	0 95	131
28	2 06	607	1 97	606	1 64	415	1 04	161	1 23	232
29	2 03	646	1 97	606	1 62	405	1 03	158	1 04	161
30	2 11	702	2 14	723	1 53	360	1 03	158	1 08	175
31			2 10	695	1 46	327			1 20	220

RED DEER RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Red Deer river (see plate No. 22) rises in township 44, range 10, west of the second meridian, some 15 miles south of Melford, Sask. It flows in an easterly direction to Red Deer lake, and from thence into lake Winnipegosis.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

Similarly to the Swan river, the Red Deer river flows in a deep wide valley of glacial origin, though of greater extent than the valley of the former river. In the upper portion of the watershed, the drainage is collected by several tributary streams, including the Fir, Etoimami, Pipe- one and Barrier rivers, which extend over a large tract of country, and head in many small lakes and swamps. A forest growth, composed of spruce and poplar, covers a great extent of this upper district. In the lower reaches of the river, the drainage to the north is somewhat confined, due to a parallel river system. Some ten miles above the mouth, the river passes through Red Deer lake, which has an area of 100 square miles.

C.—NATURE OF BED AND BANKS.

While rock outcrops occur at a few places in the lower reaches of the river, the bed and banks are for the most part composed of sand, gravel and clay, this latter feature being applicable to a greater portion of the Red Deer valley. The bed of the river is also strewn with boulders at many places. The width of the river is stated to vary from 150 to 250 feet, while the banks are stated to range in height from 15 to 50 feet.

D.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

As stated previously, there is extensive growth of timber in the upper portion of the drainage. The Red Deer Lumber Company carry on logging operations in this district and operate a saw-mill on Red Deer lake, the logs being floated downstream to the mill.

E.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water under ordinary conditions occurs in the latter part of April or early May, while low water is stated to occur in the winter months, with a range of some 4 to 5 feet between the two periods. Due to ice jams on the river, an extreme range of 14 feet was noted at one point in the spring of 1913.

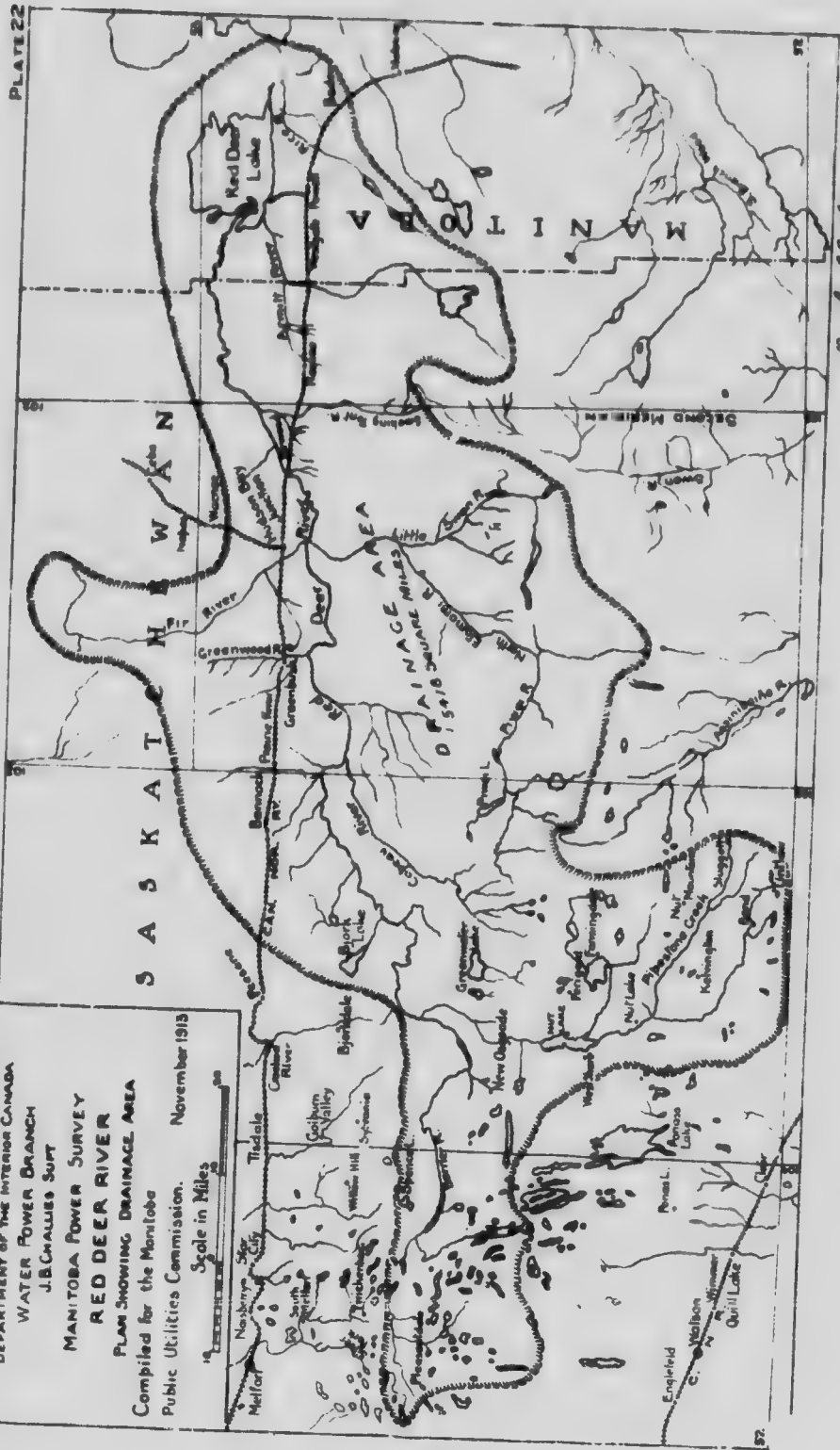
F.—TRANSPORTATION.

The river is crossed by the Canadian Northern railway at Erwood, some 30 miles west of Red Deer lake. The railway above this point is situated within the vicinity of the river for a considerable distance. A spur line of the same railway also taps Red Deer lake at Barrows.

G.—SOURCES OF THE RIVER.

A geological survey of the river and adjacent territory has been made by the Geological Survey of Canada. On July 5, 1913, a metering station was established by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey of the river in the vicinity of Hudson Bay Junction.

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View of High Falls, River of the



Red Deer River Forks of Red Deer and Sturgeon Rivers

H.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation*.—Only meagre records of precipitation are available, and from these it would appear that some 15 inches would represent the mean annual rainfall.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—As shown in table No. 68, measurements of the discharge have been made near Hudson Bay Junction since July 5, 1913. An estimate of the daily discharge since that date is given in table No. 69.

While these records do not as yet extend over sufficient period to cover a complete water year, it is estimated that the minimum flow is 150 second-feet, this latter figure being subject to revision or verification as future records will indicate.

I.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

No field investigation has as yet been made of the storage possibilities of this river. As many small lakes are situated in the upper drainage, storage should be available, and of sufficient extent to greatly increase the low flow of the river. Red Deer lake, with an area of 100 square miles, offers facilities for a regulation to a considerable extent of the flow from Red Deer lake to lake Winnipegosis. As an indication of the flow available from a one or two-foot storage on a lake of this size, the following table has been prepared. The rates of draft in second-feet are computed for a storage being used in a 6 months or a year period:—

RED DEER LAKE.

Depth of Storage.	Capacity in Billion Cu. ft.	Rate of Draft 6 months.	Rate of Draft 1 year.
1	2,787 84	178	89
2	5,575 68	356	178

J.—WATER-POWER.

The head-waters of the Pipestone creek, one of the Red Deer tributaries, rise in a country whose elevation is some 2,000 feet above sea-level, while lake Winnipegosis has an elevation of some 828 feet; so that, approximately, there is some 1,000 feet fall between the head-waters and the mouth of the river. Considerable fall does occur in Manitoba, the fall between Red Deer lake and lake Winnipegosis is stated by the Geological Survey to be some 45 feet. While field investigations of the power possibilities of the river are as yet to be made, the following tentative table gives the power available per foot head based on an 80 per cent efficiency and computed for an estimated minimum flow of 150 second-feet. As stated above, this latter figure is subject to revision:—

Head.	Estimated Horse-power on 80 per cent Efficiency
1 foot	13.7
10 "	137
20 "	274

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TABLE No. 68.

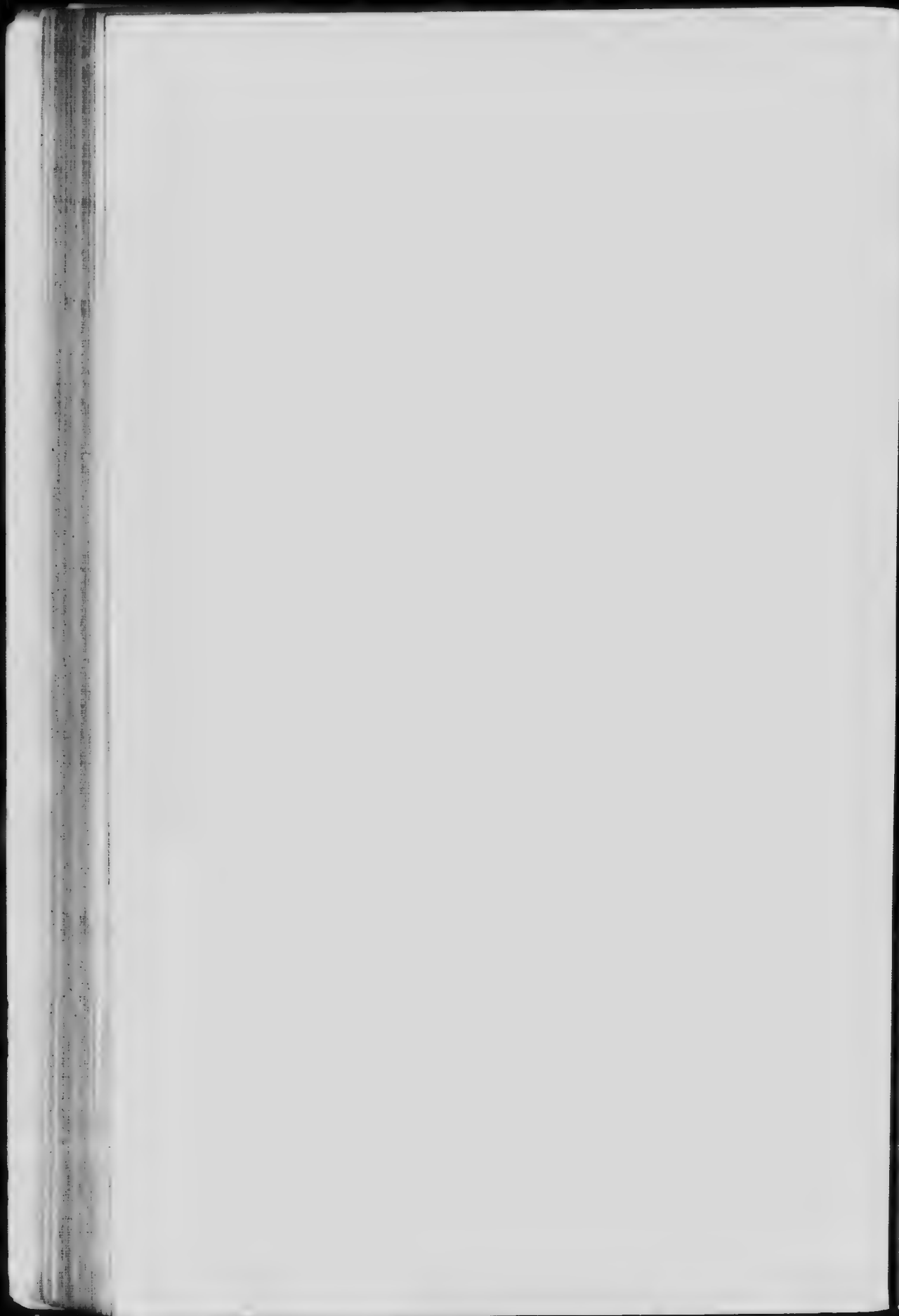
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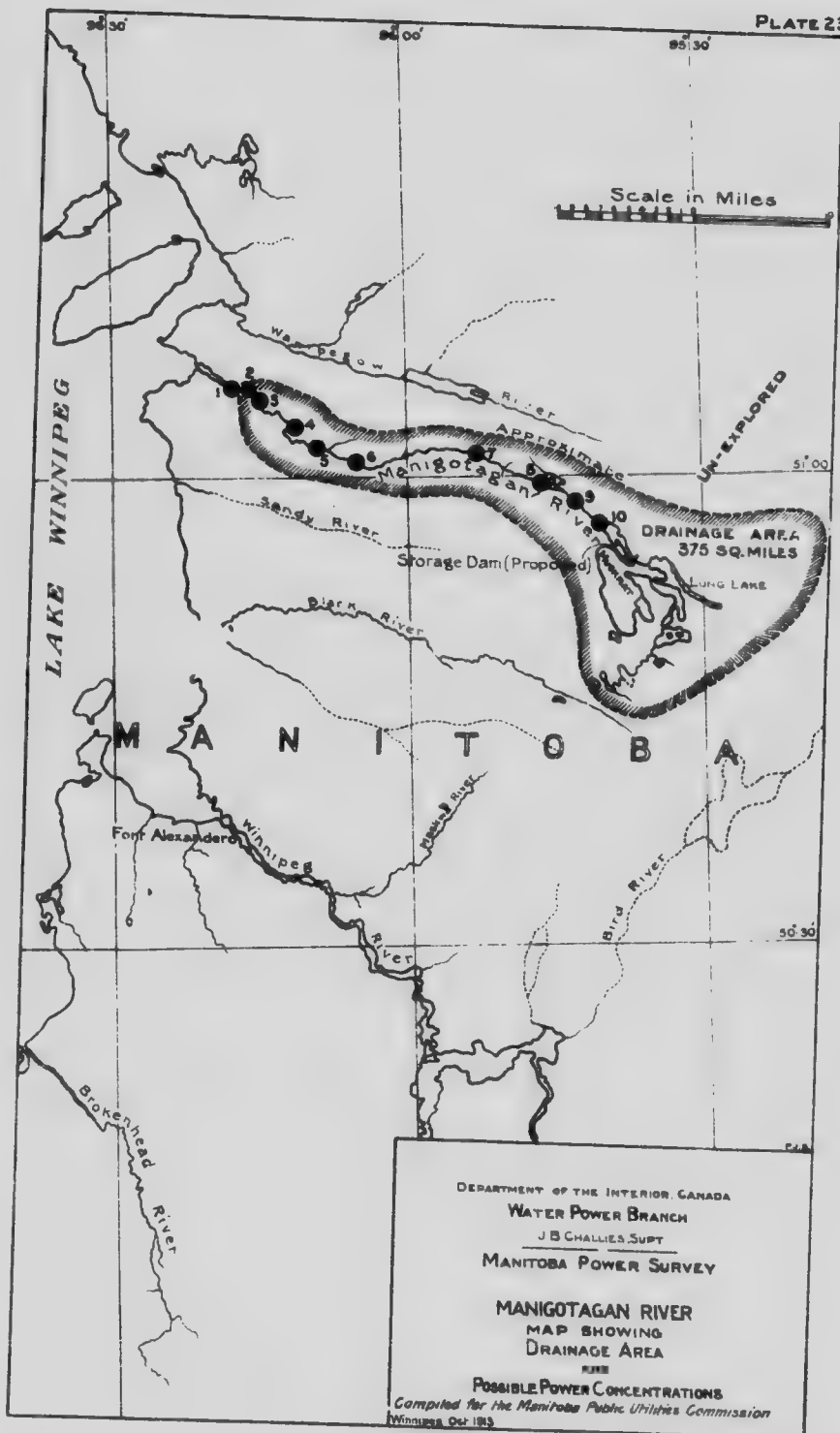
Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
July 5.....	G. Ebner.....	1196	183	927	2 53	3 58	2342
" 10.....	A. Pirie.....	1496	193	886	2 30	3 31	2634
Aug. 12.....	G. Ebner.....	1196	165	765	2 28	3 09	1747
" 30.....	W. J. Ireland.....	1469	162	693	2 05	2 79	1419
Sept. 18.....	W. J. Ireland.....	1469	162	566	1 36	2 10	768
Oct. 6.....	C. O. Allen.....	1435	155	528	1 03	1 78	546

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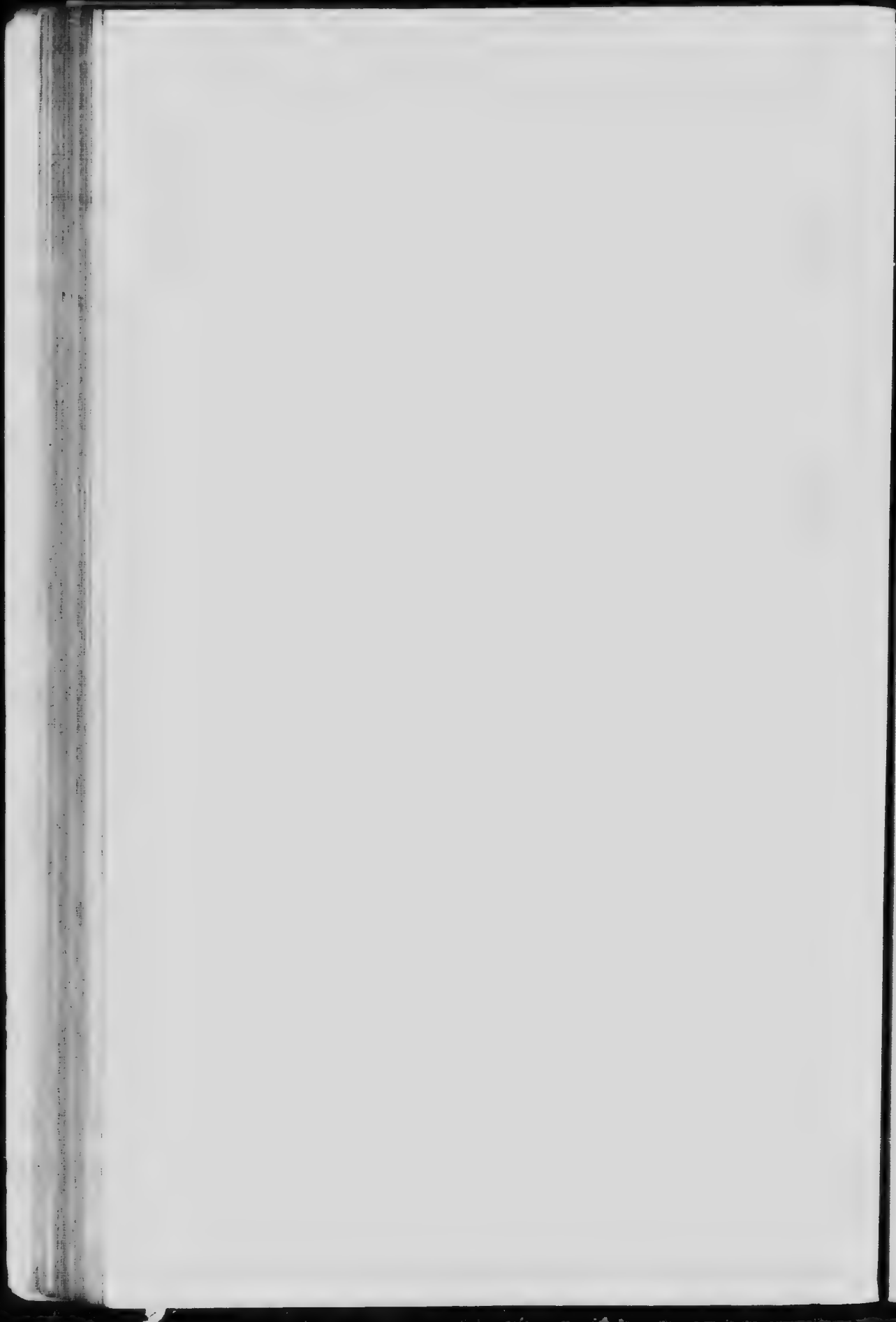
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Red Deer River, near Hudson Bay Junction, for 1913.

Days.	JULY.		AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER.		OCTOBER.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			3 75	2521	2 77	1394	1 90	625
2			63	2383	82	1451	86	601
3			48	2210	79	1417	82	576
4			16	2187	77	1394	70	507
5			32	2026	74	1359	77	547
6			3 19	1877	2 68	1291	1 80	564
7			13	1808	64	1248	80	564
8			09	1762	56	1164	80	564
9	3 44	2164	09	1762	55	1154	80	564
10	28	1980	10	1773	42	1025	81	570
11	3 38	2095	3 13	1808	2 46	1064	1 83	582
12	4 00	2808	09	1762	42	1025	86	601
13	73	3618	23	1923	39	997	82	576
14	5 15	4131	20	1888	38	989	76	541
15	45	4176	40	2118	23	862	73	524
16	5 60	4648	3 72	2486	2 20	838	1 71	513
17	68	4740	66	2417	16	808	73	524
18	50	4533	67	2429	11	707	70	507
19	38	4395	69	2452	08	748	68	496
20	17	4154	66	2417	08	748	68	496
21	4 95	3901	3 62	2371	2 05	727	1 65	481
22	80	3728	59	2337	05	727	68	496
23	63	3533	37	2084	04	719	68	496
24	49	3372	37	2084	03	712	71	513
25	30	3153	16	1842	02	705	60	454
26	4 44	3314	3 05	1716	2 02	705	1 70	507
27	45	3326	2 92	1566	01	698	80	564
28	40	3268	89	1532	00	691	60	454
29	25	3096	82	1451	1 97	671	40	363
30	09	2912	76	1382	94	651	73	524
31	3 86	2647	77	1394			73	524





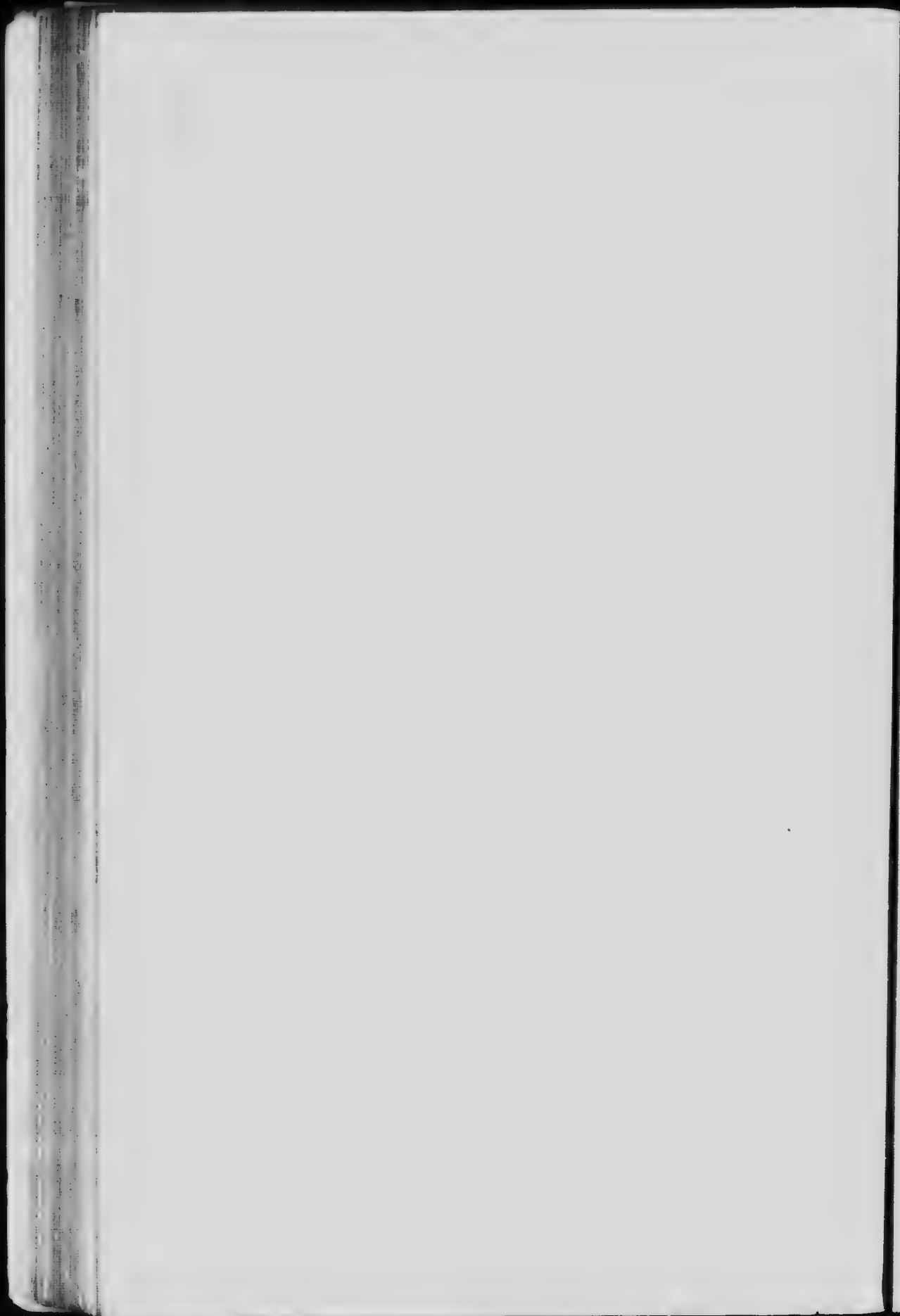
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CHAPTER VI

RIVERS IN EASTERN PORTION OF
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MANIGOTAGAN RIVER.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIVER AND WATERSHED.

A.—LOCATION.

The Manigotagan or Bad Throat river discharges into lake Winnipeg at an inlet on the east shore, about 50 miles north of Fort Alexander and almost directly opposite the centre of Big island. (See plate No. 23.)

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

The general bearing of the river is west 30 degrees north from Musk Rat lake to its mouth. The flow into Musk Rat lake is said to come from the northeast.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

While the upper reaches of the watershed have not yet been explored, yet it is stated that considerable drainage comes in beyond Long lake. From Long lake to Turtle lake the basin widens out and includes the Caribou, Musk Rat, Moose, Bull Frog and many other small lakes. From Turtle lake to the river mouth there are a number of small creeks draining the adjoining swamps and muskeg. All of these are small and sluggish at their entrance to the river.

D.—NATURE OF BANKS.

At the mouth of the river the banks are of good agricultural clay, partially cleared and occupied by settlers. Even here, however, rock outcrops are found at several places. Above Wood falls the banks are very irregular and in most cases rocky, ranging from 2 feet to 60 or 70 feet in height, being broken by many valleys which lead back to muskegs or swamps. In the upper reaches, ranges of hills skirt the river on either side.

E.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BOTTOM.

For the first 25 miles the river has an average width of about 175 feet, narrowing down at the many rapids and falls; three or four miles below Turtle lake the channel widens, and from that point to Musk Rat lake there are many places in which it has a width of from 700 to 900 feet. Below each rapid a large circular pool from 500 to 800 feet in diameter is a feature that is noticeable. The banks are overgrown with grass and reeds which extend into the river 50 feet in many places, while willows and alders are found at many points where the banks are low. The river bed is covered with black muck except at falls and rapids, where boulders and rock form the bed.

F.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

Almost the entire drainage area is covered with an inferior class of timber which includes a plentiful supply of poplar and spruce, together with jack pine, birch, oak and balsam. In the vicinity of Musk Rat lake, and beyond Moose lake, there is a fringe of valuable spruce bordering the lakes, but this does not appear to extend far

back into the interior. In the immediate vicinity of the river valuable timber has been removed, but fire does not seem to have had any hand in depleting the supply, as is often found where first cutting has been made.

G.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water usually occurs in June, when a height of 3½ or 4 feet above the low water mark has been noticed. Low water occurs in the fall, and in March or April.

H.—TRANSPORTATION.

Small steamers can navigate to the foot of Wood falls, but beyond this point canoes are the only means of transportation on account of the numerous rapids and falls. A winter road has been cut through from Manigotagan settlement to Musk Rat lake. This road crosses and recrosses the river, and so is only of use during the severe winter months.

I.—SETTLEMENTS.

The only permanent settlement at present is at the Manigotagan post office at the mouth of the river. The Phoenix Brick, Tile and Lumber Company have been making brick at this point with a modern plant, and have also operated a sawmill in conjunction with their brick plant.

J.—SURVEYS OF THE RIVER.

The Geological Survey of Canada made a geological reconnaissance of this river in 1890 and 1891 from its mouth to Long lake; since that time a few isolated land surveys for timber berths and settlement areas have been made. In December, 1912, a meter station was established by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey and a reconnaissance made of Wood and Poplar falls. In the following year during the month of June a reconnaissance of the river from Wood falls to Long lake was made by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, with D. B. Gow in charge of party.

K.—RUN-OFF.

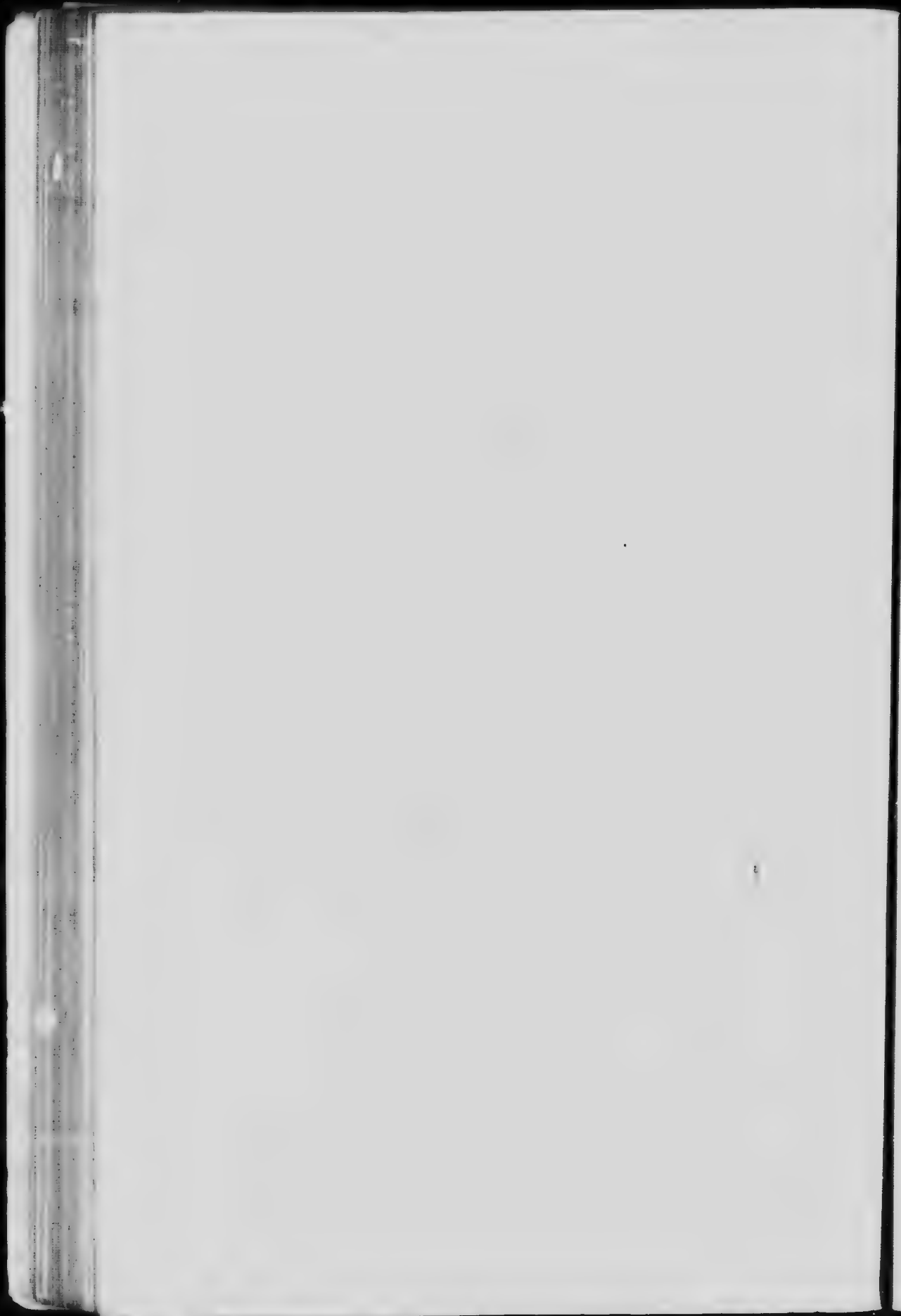
(a) *Rainfall*.—There are no rainfall records available for this drainage area, but it is estimated that a mean annual rainfall of some 21 inches might be expected.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—Meterings have been taken at the mouth of the river by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey and results of this work estimated to the end of the year 1913, may be found in tables No. 70 and No. 71. From these records it will be seen that the minimum discharge would be about 30 second-feet, and the flood discharge some 1,200 second-feet.

(c) *Mass Curve, 1913*.—By using the run-off data at present on hand for 1913 and estimating the probable flow for the remaining months of the year, it is found that a uniform flow of 150 second-feet could have been maintained had there been a storage reservoir capable of holding 1.45 billion cubic feet of water. (See plate No. 25.)

L.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

From mass curve studies for year 1913 it will be seen that a storage of 1,450,000,000 cubic feet would be required to produce uniform run-off; this could be obtained by using Musk Rat lake. This lake has an area of 8.3 square miles, and it would be possible to store some 7.8 feet. This would give a storage capacity of 1.8 billion cubic feet, so that ample storage could be provided for on this lake.



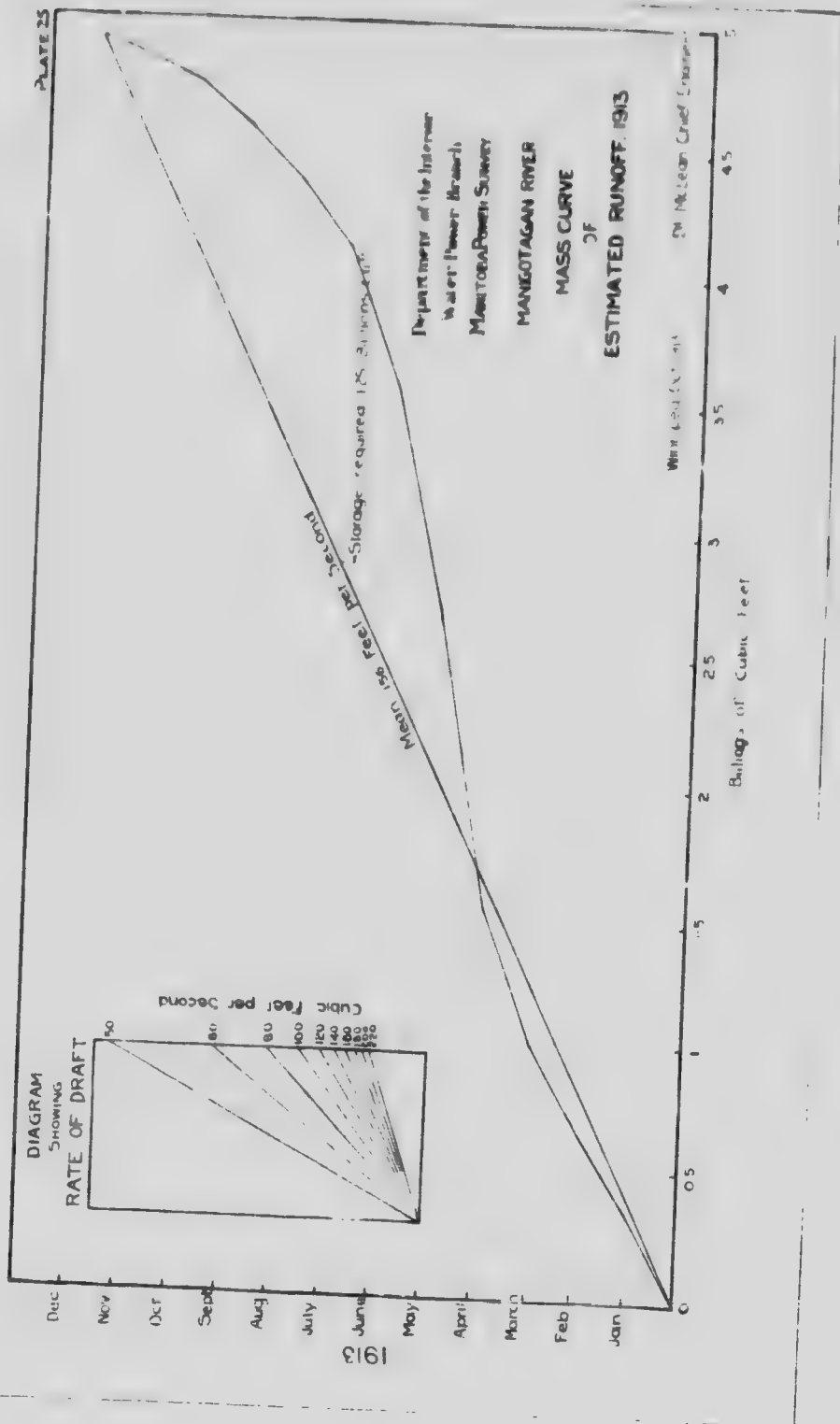


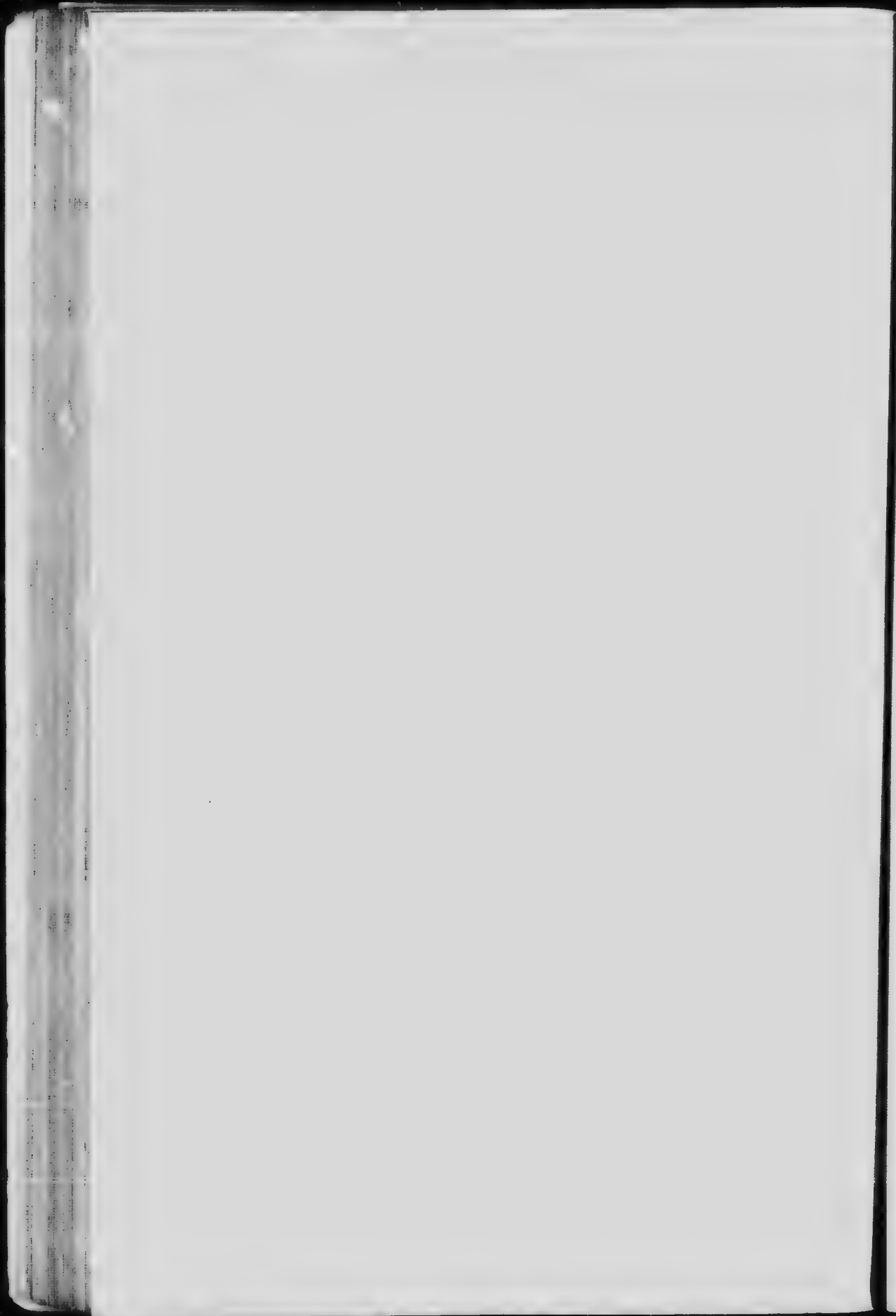


Manigulagan River - Nood Falls from above



Manigulagan River - Nood Falls N Side of Dam Site





M.—WATER-POWER.

There are a number of water-powers on the river that might be developed, and these are shown on the profile, plate No. 24. The following tabulation shows possible power concentrations under conditions of minimum flow and under regulated flow based on records of 1913, and gives the power at 80 per cent efficiency:

No.	NAME.	HEAD.	HORSE POWER ESTIMATED ON 80 PER CENT EFFICIENCY.	
			Min. Flow.	Reg. Flow.
1	Wood falls.....	33	39	449
2	Poplar falls.....	8	33	109
3	First rapid above Poplar falls.....	12	33	163
4	4th rapid above Poplar falls.....	30	82	408
5	3rd rapid above Cascade Portage.....	12	33	163
6	6th rapid above.....	18	20	245
7	Charles falls.....	34	92	462
8	Turtle cascade.....	28	76	381
9	2nd rapid above.....	21	57	286
10	Caribou falls.....	27	74	368
Total Horse-power.....			608	3034

TABLE No. 70.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASUREMENTS in Manigotagan River drainage basin in 1912-13, by Manitoba Hydrographic Survey.

Date.	Stream.	Locality.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sec. feet.
1912.				
Dec. 28.	Manigotagan.....	Wood falls.....	4 00	144
1913.				
May 26.	"			
May 31.	"	1½ Miles below Cascade Portage*	5 1	469
June 4.	"	2 Miles below Turtle Lake.	5 0	423
June 7.	"	Outlet of Muskrat Lake.....		323
June 10.	"	Head of Muskrat Lake.....		288
June 14.	"	Outlet of Moose Lake.....		168
June 18.	"	Caribou Rapids.....		47
Aug. 23.	"	Wood falls.....	3 74	293
				93

* Referred to Gauge above Wood Falls.

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TABLE

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE,
Drainage area,

Day.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		APRIL.	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1			3.95		3.90			
2								
3								
4	4.00							
5							4.00	
6								
7								
8			3.95		4.00			
9								
10								
11	4.00							
12							3.80	
13								
14								
15			3.95		4.00			
16								
17								
18	3.95							
19							4.60	290
20							55	276
21							4.53	276
22			3.90		4.00		50	262
23							50	262
24							50	262
25	3.95						50	262
26							4.50	262
27							58	284
28							60	290
29					4.00		60	290
30							60	290
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Manigotagan River, above Wood Falls, for 1913.

313 square miles.

Days.	MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	4 70	320								
2	70	320	5 00	424	4 80	352	3 84	112	3 69	87
3	77	342	4 99	420	40	235	84	112	89	1 21
4	80	352	5 00	424	50	262	84	112	66	83
5	84	356		424	50	262	74	95	46	55
6	4 90	386	10	464	40	235	3 94	131	66	83
7	92	394	4 90	386	4 40	235	3 84	112		
8	90	386	90	386	30	210	84	112		
9	96	409	80	352	80	352	74	95		
10	5 00	424	80	352	30	210	74	95		
11	5 00	424	4 80	352	20	186	34	42		
12	08	456	75	336	4 30	210	3 64	80		
13	10	464	73	330	30	210	74	95		
14	10	464	70	320	30	210	74	95		
15	10	464	70	320	40	235	84	112		
16	5 00	424	4 69	317	20	186	84	112		
17	10	464	69	317	20	186		110		
18	10	464	70	320	20	186		110		
19	12	473	80	352	50	262		105		
20	12	473	60	290	10	164		105		
21	5 10	464	4 60	290	10	164		105		
22	10	464	60	290	4 20	186		100		
23	10	464	50	262	20	186		100		
24	10	464	70	320	10	164	3 74	95		
25	10	464	60	290	00	143	74	95		
26	5 10	464	4 60	290	10	164	76	99		
27	10	464	50	262	4 10	164	3 64	80		
28	08	456	60	290	10	164	66	83		
29	00	424	50	262	10	164	66	83		
30	10	464	50	262	10	164	66	83		
31	00	424			10	164	67	84		
					10	164	66	83		

BLOODVEIN RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Bloodvein or Miskowow river (*see* plate No. 26) discharges into a bay on the east shore of lake Winnipeg situated at the northerly portion of the narrows separating the two main bodies of the lake.

B.—DIRECTION OF FLOW.

In the upper reaches the river flows in a westerly direction, but in the vicinity of lake Winnipeg the river bends slightly to the north.

C.—GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIVER AND BASIN.

While little is known of the head-waters of the river, it is estimated that the drainage basin comprises an area of 3,000 square miles. The greater portion of the basin is rocky and of granitic formation, with the occurrence, at some few places, of a light covering of clay. Several small tributary streams enter the Bloodvein from the north, and in the upper watershed the river is divided into two branches, the northerly branch heading in Sassaginnigak lake, while the southerly branch is stated to reach out to the height of land separating this drainage basin from that of the English river.

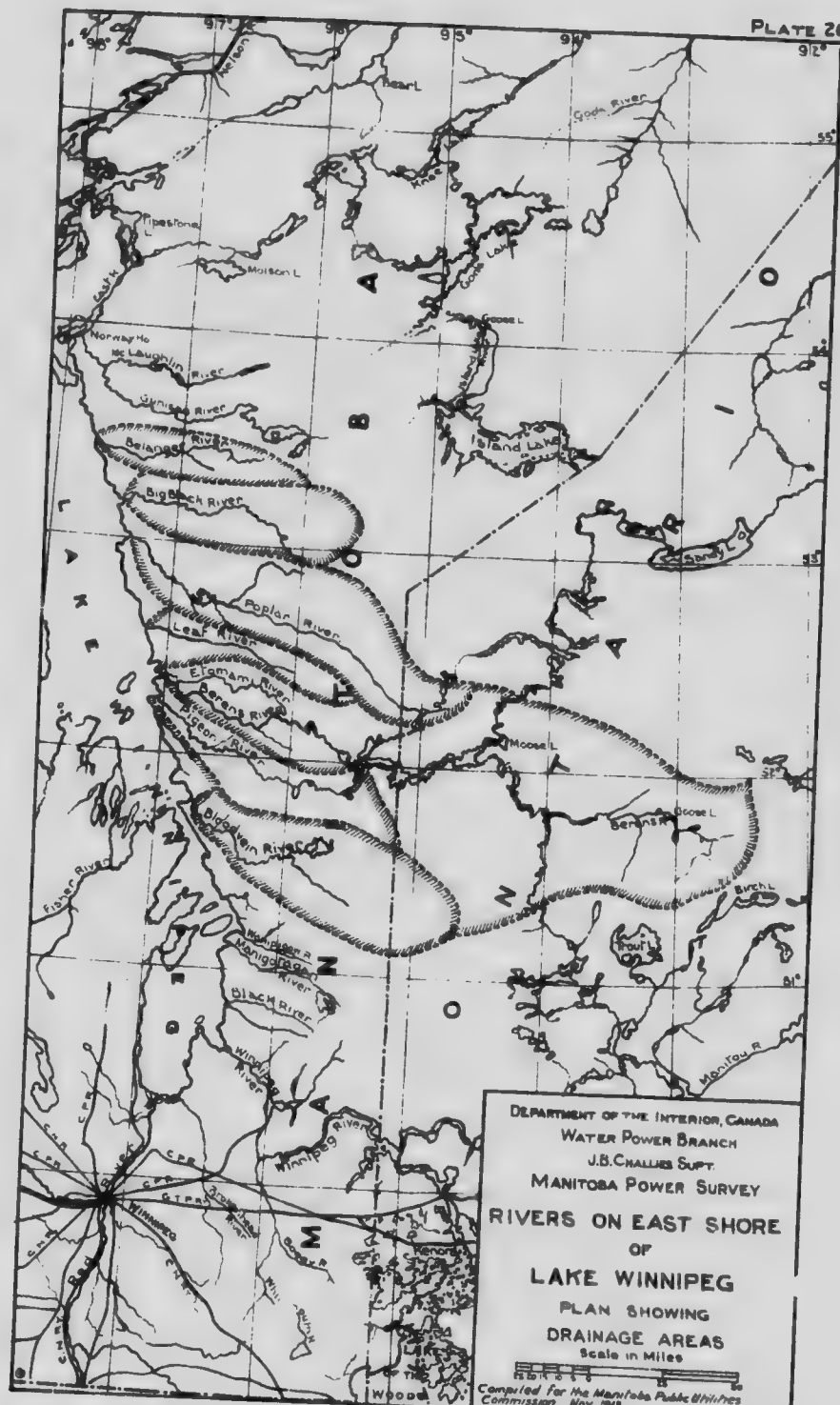
In the vicinity of the mouth, the banks of the river, which has an average width of 150 feet, are composed of clay, and about 5 feet in height. Some 9 miles up stream the first rapids on the river occur. A short distance above this point the Little Bloodvein river is tributary in a stretch where the river makes several sharp bends. From this point to the junction of the Turtle river, a distance of from 35 to 40 miles, there are many rapids and falls, some of which are stated to have deep descents; the banks, for the most part, are rocky and low, giving way occasionally to marsh and muskeg, yet at some places they rise from 10 to 20 feet in height, being at these points composed of clay or clay and gravel overlying the rock outcrop. The country in the vicinity of the river is stated to be very rocky, with a very slight covering of soil. It is also stated that the district presents the same general characteristics until in the vicinity of Koochichewigan lake, at which point the north and south branches of the river occur. The southern branch heads in a region of which little is known, while the north branch again operates into two branches both of which head in the same lake. This lake, which is known as the Sasaginnigak lake, and is stated to have an extreme length of about four miles and a width of about two, is dotted with numerous islands. Of the territory tributary to the lake little is known.

D.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Navigation of this river is impossible other than by canoe, and even by this means many portages are necessary. The mouth of the river is easily reached during the summer months, as it is within a short distance of the route followed by steamers on lake Winnipeg.

E.—WATER-POWER.

Similar to most rivers discharging into lake Winnipeg from the east, the adjoining country is rocky and many rapids occur throughout the extent of the river. While no survey as yet has been made as to the power possibilities of this river, the information available would indicate that there are such possibilities. Based on an assumed mean annual run-off of 0.3 second-feet per square mile and a drainage area of 3,000 square miles, the mean annual discharge would be 900 second-feet.



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PIGEON RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Pigeon river (*see* plate No. 26) discharges into lake Winnipeg at a point on the easterly shore, some six miles below the mouth of the Berens river.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

For the first 20 miles below the head-waters, the course of the river is due west, but below this the flow is in a northwesterly direction to lake Winnipeg.

C.—RIVER AND BASIN.

The river basin, which comprises an area of 925 square miles, has its head-waters in Family lake, through which the Berens river is also stated to flow. In its course, the river at various points widens out into several small lakes including Round lake, Goose lake and Little Goose lake. The banks of the river, for the most part, are composed of clay overlying beds of granite, which outcrop both at the rapids and falls, and many points along the river.

In the stretch of river from the mouth to Sturgeon falls, in extent some 14 miles, there is the occurrence of some two rapids. Above Sturgeon falls the banks at first give way to marshy indentations, but further upstream clay banks, gradually rising to a height of some 11 feet, again occur. In this stretch of river from Sturgeon to Poplar falls, which in a direct line between the two points is some 10 miles, the stream is very winding and sluggish. Many rapids occur between Poplar falls and Round lake, with the banks for the greater part slightly higher than found below. Above Round lake the country is stated to be hilly and rocky, with a much thinner overlying blanket of clay. Many rapids and falls occur throughout this portion of the river, some of them being stated to have sharp descents of from 14 to 20 feet.

D.—TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Due to the many rapids on the river, necessitating portages, navigation is only possible by canoe. Lake steamer in the summer months and dog team in the winter form the only means of access to the river.

E.—WATER-POWER.

No field investigation has yet been made as to the power possibilities of this river, yet the existence of many rapids and falls would indicate possibilities of power concentration, and also the occurrence of several lakes along the river would suggest storage possibilities. Assuming that the mean annual run-off is 0.3 second-feet per square mile, would give a mean annual discharge of approximately 270 second-feet at the outlet of the river.

BERENS RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Berens river (*see* plate No. 26), which is the largest river with the exception of the Winnipeg draining the territory to the east of lake Winnipeg, discharges into an inlet of this lake approximately 140 miles north of the southerly end of the lake.

B.—DIRECTION OF FLOW.

From the head-waters to lake Winnipeg, the general course of the river is in a westerly direction.

C. RIVER AND BASIN.

The extent of the drainage basin of the Berens river is estimated at 7,800 square miles, and the total length of the river in the neighbourhood of 300 miles. The head-waters of the drainage which are situated in Ontario, are encircled by the height of land in which lies the source of the Severn and Albany, and also tributary English river drainage. In Manitoba, in the vicinity of lake Winnipeg, the basin is confined between those of the Pigeon, Leaf and Poplar rivers. While the head-waters as yet have not been fully explored, it is known that the river widens out into many lakes, together with tributaries heading and passing through several lakes, the main tributaries being the Windfall, White, Crooked Mouth, and Etimiami rivers. The general nature of the country is rocky, with a varying depth of overlying clay soil. In the reaches of the river from the mouth to the junction of the Etimiami river, a distance of six miles, the banks which vary in height from 10 to 20 feet, are alternately composed of rock and clay, occasionally giving way to low-lying swamp land. Some 5 miles above the entrance of this tributary, the first rapids which is stated to be of some 9 feet drop, is encountered. From this rapids to Family lake, which is situated some 18 miles west of the Manitoba boundary, there are stated to be fifty-two rapids and falls of varying height, but all of which require portages. The main descent, which is known as Grand rapids is at the outlet of Family lake and is stated to be approximately a 40-foot drop. Family lake is triangular in shape, very irregular in outline, and about 10 miles in length. In this lake the Pigeon river is also stated to obtain its source. A short distance above Family lake, another rapid with a drop of some 35 feet occurs, while slightly beyond this, the river again widens out into Black or Fishing lake, which is some 9 miles in length and 2 to 4 miles in width. In this portion of the basin the country becomes more rugged, and instead of the very low hills in the vicinity of the mouth, the latter range in height from 125 to 150 feet above the lake level. Between Eagle lake, which is situated on the provincial boundary, and Fishing lake, there are many small rapids. The difference in elevation between the two lakes is stated to be some 50 feet. Above Eagle lake, in Ontario, the river widens out into several lakes with many rapids intervening.

D.—SETTLEMENTS.

Outside of the Indian reserve, which is situated at the mouth of the river and two Hudson Bay posts, one at the mouth and one at Grand Rapids, no settlements occur in the vicinity of the river.

E.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The river is not navigable other than by canoe, and in this latter manner many portages are necessary. Though no railroads are as yet located in this district, the river is accessible at its mouth by lake steamer during the period of navigation on lake Winnipeg.

F.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation*.—Records of the annual precipitation are available for a period of 5 years at a station situated at the mouth of the river, and though not of sufficient duration to show the extreme variations, they indicate an annual mean of some 21 inches.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—While a discharge measurement of 1,215 second-feet was obtained on this river on October 1, 1913, by Alexander Pirie, of the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, the flood and minimum discharges are not as yet obtained.

G.—WATER-POWER.

Considering the extent of the drainage basin, together with the numerous lakes occurring therein, and the many rapids and falls throughout the course of the river, both in Manitoba and Ontario, the power possibilities of the river are extensive. The fall which occurs between Goose lake, lying in the head-waters, and the mouth, is stated to be some 1,200 feet, a drop of approximately 500 feet, and of this a great portion occurs in the province of Manitoba.

POPLAR RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Poplar river (*see* plate No. 26) flows into an inlet on the east shore of lake Winnipeg about midway between the north and south extremities of the upper main body of the lake.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

The general bearing of the river from its source to lake Winnipeg is in a north-westerly direction.

C.—RIVER AND BASIN.

The Poplar river has a drainage basin of an approximate area of 1,950 square miles. The lower portion of the drainage is confined between the Big Black and the Leaf river systems, but above this the drainage widens out. Great portions of this upper water-shed are stated to be swampy, with rocky ridges at various points. Practically all drainage from the headwaters passes through Thunder lake, situated some 25 miles above the mouth of the river.

D.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Similar to practically all streams discharging along the east shore of lake Winnipeg, the Poplar river is only navigable by canoe, and as no railroad as yet extends through this territory, the only means of access is by lake Winnipeg steamers.

E.—SETTLEMENTS.

An Indian reserve is situated at the mouth of the river, but no other settlements are in the immediate vicinity.

F.—POWER POSSIBILITIES.

The power possibilities of this river have not as yet been investigated, but it is stated that several rapids occur, the more important being in the reach of the river below Thunder lake. An estimate of the mean annual discharge of the river, based on a run-off of 0.3 second-feet per square mile, per year would give a discharge of some 585 second-feet.

BIG BLACK RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Big Black river (*see* plate No. 26) discharges into an inlet on the east shore of lake Winnipeg, about 40 miles south of the northerly extremity of the lake.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

The general direction of the river from its source is northwesterly, though at mid-point in its course it obtains a more westerly bend.

C.—RIVER AND BASIN.

While little is known of the head-waters of the drainage area, the latter is estimated to be 1,350 square miles. About 40 miles above the mouth, the Pelican river is tributary to the Big Black. In the country tributary to the stretch of river from the mouth to the junction of the Pelican, the overlying soil is clay, with rock outcrops. In the upper reaches the land is stated to be low and swampy, and the banks marshy, with fringes of reeds and rushes extending into the river. In the lower reaches comprising the clay belt, a mixed growth of pine, spruce, balsam and poplar is reported, but the growth in the upper watershed is principally of willows.

D.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The river is only navigable by canoe, and the only means of access is by boat from Selkirk during period of navigation.

E.—SETTLEMENTS.

There are no settlements in the vicinity of the river, but it is stated that trappers frequent the region in winter in quest of fur.

F.—RUN-OFF.

Assuming a drainage of 1,350 square miles and mean annual run-off of 0.3 second feet per square mile, this would give a mean annual discharge of some 100 cubic feet per second.

G.—POWER POSSIBILITIES.

Being situated in an unsurveyed portion of Manitoba, and also at a point which is difficult of access, little is known as to the extent of the fall occurring on this river, but from what information is available it is known that there are rapids at several points.

BELANGER RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Belanger river (*see* plate No. 26) discharges into lake Winnipeg on its eastern shore about 20 miles from the northerly end of the lake.

B.—GENERAL DIRECTION.

The river, which has its source in the vicinity of Gunisac lake, flows in a westerly direction to lake Winnipeg.

C.—RIVER BASIN.

The Belanger river drains an area estimated to be 730 square miles. The basin is narrow, being from 10 to 15 miles in width and lying between the Gunisac river to the north and the Big Black river to the south. The country for the most part is level, with the exception of a few rocky hills.

D.—NATURE OF BANKS.

For the first nine miles above the mouth the banks are stated to be from 6 to 15 feet in height, and composed of clay with very few rock outcrops. Outcrops do, however, occur at all rapids throughout the extent of the river. The banks above the first rapids gradually increase in height to some 18 feet, being still composed of clay. In the upper reach of the river, rock outcrops and overlying soil of clay are encountered both at rapids and along the quieter stretch of the river.

C. WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BOTTOM

For the first 9 miles the river is stated to vary in width from 200 to 300 feet; above the first rapids and in the headwaters the bed is strewn with boulders.

D. TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

It is stated that a considerable portion of the tributary territory has been burnt over, with the destruction of considerable timber, but there is still a growth of poplar and black spruce in the vicinity of the river. In the upper reaches timber growth still remains in a state of nature.

E. NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Due to several rapids on the river, navigation is only possible by either row boat or canoe. During the open season of lake Winnipeg navigation, the mouth of the river is accessible by steamer from Selkirk, but during winter months dog team is the only means of access.

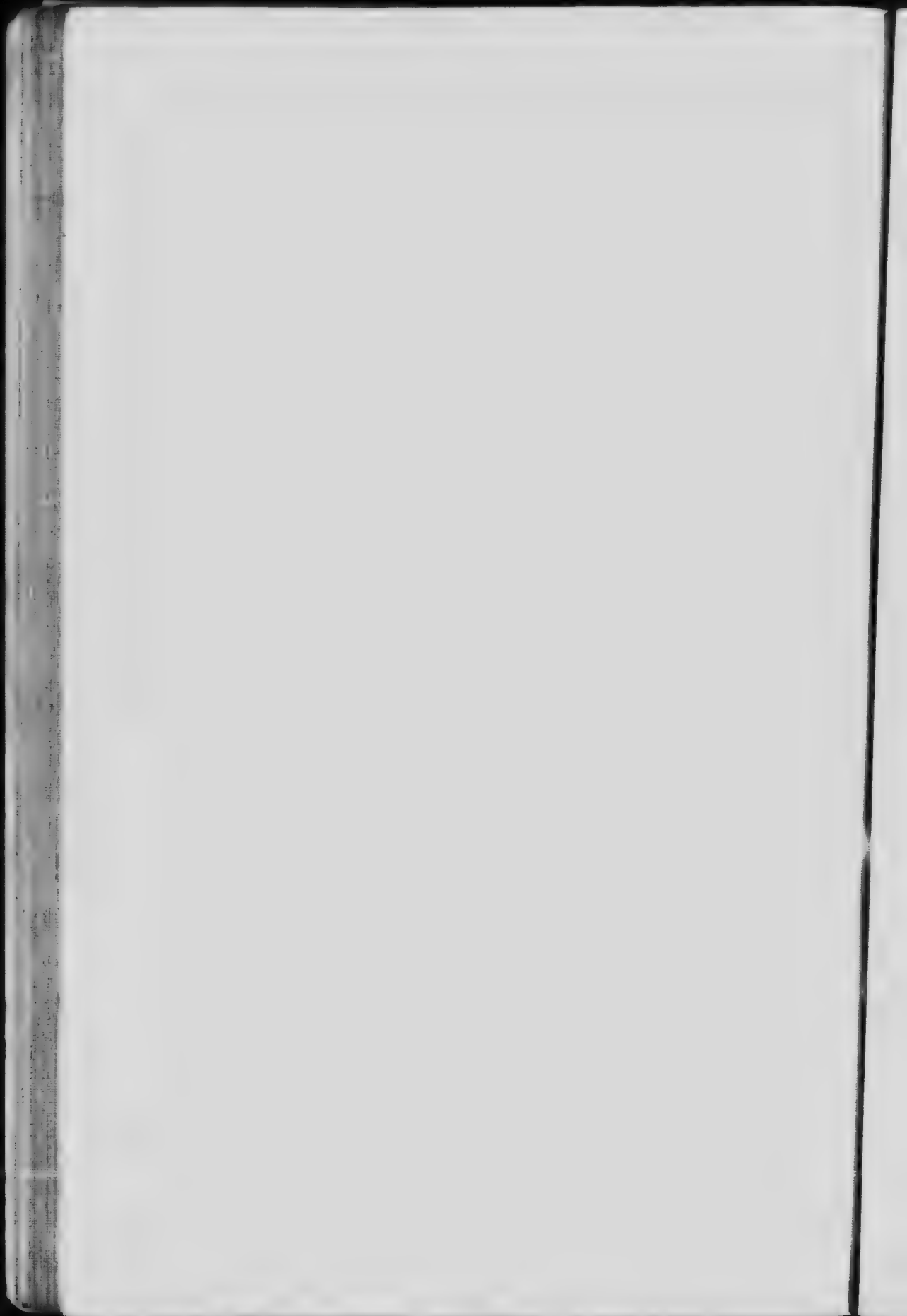
F. RUN-OFF.

Though the upper reaches of the watershed have not been as yet explored, it is estimated that the Belanger river has a drainage area of 730 square miles. Assuming that the mean annual run-off is 0.3 cubic feet per second per square mile, this would give a mean annual discharge of 225 cubic feet per second at the outlet.

In the absence of discharge measurements, no estimate is made as to the flood or minimum flow, and even the mean stated above is subject to revision when such data is obtained.

G. POWER POSSIBILITIES.

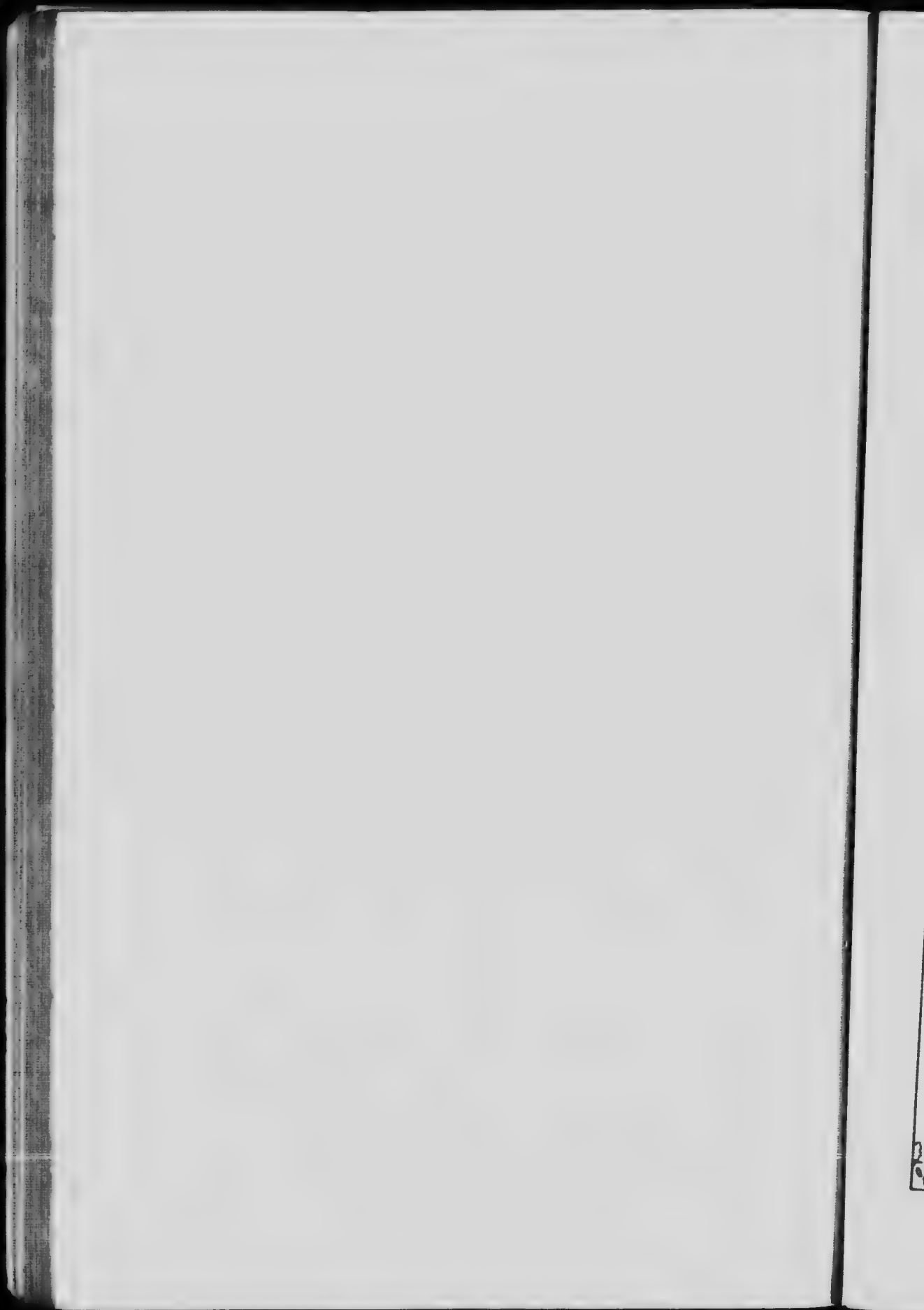
Investigations as to the power possibilities of this river have as yet not been made, but it is known that considerable drop occurs throughout the river, and also that this drop is concentrated at several points, which would indicate power possibilities. At the first rapids above the mouth a drop of about 8 feet is reported, while above this there are many rapids which are impossible to navigate and necessitate portages.



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CHAPTER VII

SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

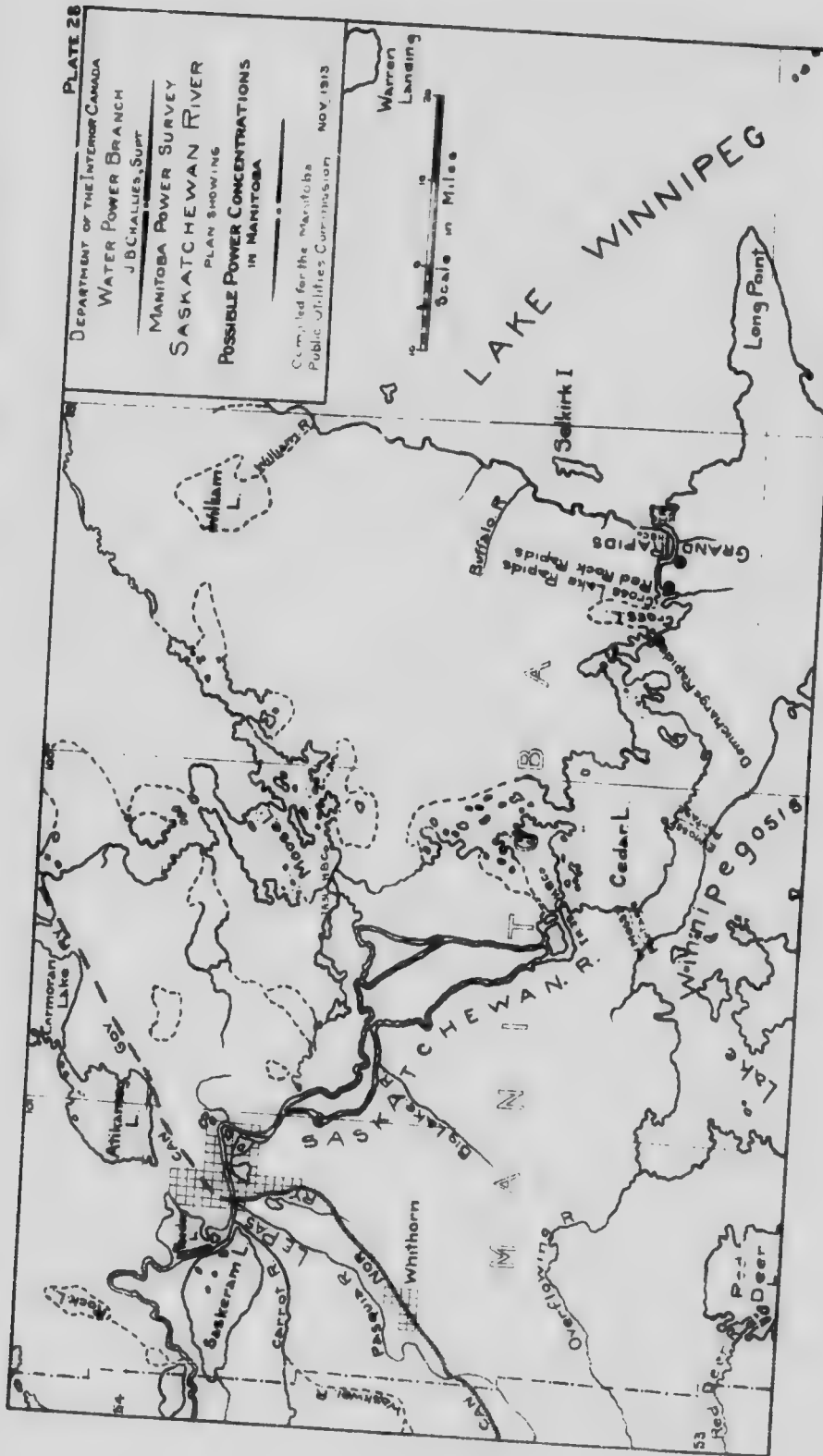


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CHAPTER VII.

THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVER IN MANITOBA.

A.—LOCATION.

The Saskatchewan river enters Manitoba from the west, (*see* plate No. 28), crossing the boundary between Saskatchewan and Manitoba almost directly opposite the north end of lake Winnipeg, and enters the lake some 50 miles south of the lake's northerly end.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The area drained by the Saskatchewan river (*see* plate No. 27) which is in extent, approximately, 155,000 square miles, comprises a great portion of the western plains. The head-waters lie in the Rocky mountains, and the drainage, though collected by many tributaries, is carried across the prairies by two large rivers, known as the North and South Saskatchewan. The North branch heads in the Rockies west of Edmonton, while the Southern branch heads in the same mountain range approximately on a line west of Medicine Hat. Intermediate between these two branches is situated the Red Deer river, a stream of almost as great an extent as the Southern branch which it joins. The distance between the two rivers gradually diminishes with a consequent contraction of the drainage until about 30 miles below Prince Albert the junction of the north and south branches occurs. From the junction to lake Winnipeg the flow is mostly confined to a single bed, although in places it is divided into main and secondary channels, as at the Sepannock channel, due to the generally flat and low-lying nature of the country, and to the consequent ease with which the river can and does, at times, change its bed. In Manitoba the river flows through a low-lying region in which occur innumerable lakes and swamps. Great portions of the surrounding land are subject to floods during periods of high water. In the vicinity of lake Winnipeg the river enters Cedar lake and discharges from this lake into Cross lake, the Demi Charge rapids occurring in this portion of the river. From Cross lake to lake Winnipeg a series of rapids occur comprising the Cross Lake rapids, Bed Rock rapids and Grand rapids.

C.—NATURE OF BANKS.

In the vicinity of Le Pas, the banks range from 15 to 25 feet in height, but they become gradually lower as Cedar lake is approached. The shores of this latter lake, as also the banks in the stretch of river to Cross lake, are rocky. From Cross lake to the mouth of the river outcroppings of limestone occur at the water's edge. At Cross Lake rapids this outcrop reaches a height of from 2 to 6 feet. In the vicinity of Red Rock rapids the right bank is composed of limestone of some 6 feet in height, while the left shows no rock outcrops, being composed of clay and of some 12 feet in height. From Red Rock rapids to Grand rapids, the banks which are of clay gradually become higher. At the latter rapids, limestone is again encountered, rising in some places 30 feet above river level. A high ridge of lightly-coloured boulder clay overlying limestone rises to a height of some 60 feet about the mid-point of Grand rapids. This ridge, which forms the barrier between Cedar lake and lake Winnipegosis, crosses the Saskatchewan about three miles above the mouth. Near the foot of Grand rapids a

gully, which was probably at one time an overflow channel, sweeps inland from the left bank and returns to the main river a mile farther down.

D.—WIDTH OF RIVER AND NATURE OF BANKS.

The river in Manitoba has an average width of about 1,000 feet; a minimum width of approximately 500 feet occurs in Grand rapids, widening to 2,400 feet below the rapids. From the Manitoba boundary to Cedar lake the river has a mud-and-gravel bottom, with the occurrence of shifting bars. In the reaches below this section the bed of the river at various rapids is composed of limestone, while many beds of boulders occur in the intervening spaces.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

A valuable timber growth occurs a slight distance above Le Pas, but from there to Cedar lake the growth is stunted; and while a dense growth occurs around both Cedar and Cross lakes, yet the timber occurring below this is largely of second growth.

F.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water usually comes during the months of July and August, while low water occurs in the winter months, the river reaching its lowest stage about the month of March. At Le Pas the range between these two periods is ordinarily some 15 feet, while at Grand Rapids the range is gradually lessened, being ordinarily from 4 to 5 feet, with an extreme of some 6 feet. During the spring break-up the field ice of lake Winnipeg occasionally becomes jammed at the mouth of the river, damming the outlet and causing a rise at the lake of from 12 to 15 feet.

G.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Saskatchewan is navigable above Grand rapids, the Hudson's Bay Co. having at one period run steamers as far upstream as Edmonton. The river at present is navigated by gasoline launches from Le Pas to Cedar lake. It is accessible by railroad at Le Pas, and also by steamer at the mouth.

H.—SETTLEMENTS.

With the exception of Le Pas, no settlements of any size occur in the lower reaches of the river. A Hudson's Bay post is situated at Cedar lake and a small settlement occurs at Grand Rapids.

I.—SURVEYS OF THE RIVER.

In 1884, Dr. Otto Klotz made a traverse of the river. The late R. E. Young made a survey of the settlement in the year 1903 and continued his traverse to the head of Grand rapids, obtaining at the same time a profile of the portage. In 1909 a reconnaissance survey of the river was made from Le Pas to lake Winnipeg by E. A. Forward, of the Public Works Department. The investigations made by the Water-power Branch of the Department of the Interior comprise a reconnaissance power survey by the late William Ogilvie in the year 1911, and in the following year a detailed survey of Grand rapids and vicinity from lake Winnipeg to Cross lake. This latter survey was carried out by E. B. Patterson, in charge of a field party of the Manitoba Power Survey. At the same time a gauging station was established at Grand rapids and discharge measurements were then and have since been obtained at this station.

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J. RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation*.—No complete records are available for the precipitation in either the extreme western or eastern portion of the drainage. The following table obtained from the Meteorological records of Canada gives the precipitation at various points throughout the central portion of the drainage, together with some few records of precipitation in the Rocky mountains:—

LENGTH OF RECORD.

Station.	Period.	From	To	Depth in inches
Prince Albert	9 years	1903	1912	17.13
Saskatoon	9 "	1904	1912	14.15
McLeod	22 "	1884	1912	12.58
Calgary	27 "	1885	1912	15.17
Edmonton	28 "	1883	1912	16.43
Banff	19 "	1891	1912	20.3
Fort Dunvegan	4 "	1905	1909	11.5

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—Float discharge measurements were made in the year 1909 by E. A. Forward at Le Pas, and also at Grand rapids. This was followed by measurements made by the late William Ogilvie in the year 1911 at Grand rapids. On August 8, 1912, a gauging station was established at Grand rapids by the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey, and on October 21 of the same year, a second station was established at Le Pas. The results of discharge measurements made at these stations are given in tables No. 72 to 79. It is estimated that for the year 1913, a low flow of 5,000 second-feet occurred during the month of February at Le Pas, and while several lakes and a great area of low-lying swampy land occurs between this point and Grand rapids, which should give some regulation of the flow at the latter point, yet it has been assumed that a minimum flow of 5,000 second-feet also occurred at Grand rapids. During July of 1913 a flood discharge of approximately 64,000 second-feet was recorded at Le Pas.

K.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

Three lakes are situated in the lower portion of the river system immediately above Grand rapids; through two of these lakes—Cedar and Cross lakes—the river flows, while Moose lake is a tributary to the north. The combined area of these three lakes is estimated to be 970 square miles, being made up as follows. Cross lake, 39; Cedar lake, 425; and Moose lake, 513 square miles. While there might be a possibility of storage on these lakes, investigations are at present being made as to the reclamation of low lands in the vicinity of Cedar lake through the lowering of the latter, which, if carried out, would forestall storage possibilities. Investigation is also being made as to the storage possibilities in the head-waters of the Saskatchewan river.

Making the assumption that the flow of the winter months from October 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914, would be similar to the same period during 1912-13, mass curve studies (see plate No. 30) show that a storage of 305 billions of cubic feet would be necessary for a uniform flow of 32,000 second-feet. A one-foot storage on Cross, Cedar and Moose lakes would give approximately 27 billion cubic feet, indicating that a storage slightly over 10 feet would be necessary to create a uniform flow for a period similar to that found year ending September 30, 1913.

M. -WATER-POWER.

An estimate of the power available at the three rapids (*see* plate No. 29), is given below. The power available has been based on an 80 per cent efficiency, and is also computed: First, for an estimated minimum flow of 5,000 second-feet; and second, for a flow of 34,000 second-feet, this being the lowest monthly mean flow for the six highest months of the year ending September 30, 1913, and extending from April to September, and the power as indicated refers only to this period.

No estimate has been made as to the additional power available during periods of low flow through any storage system:—

ESTIMATED Horse-power on 80 per cent Efficiency.

Possible Power Site.	Head in feet.	Min. Flow	Period 6 mos.	
		5000 sec.-ft.	April	Sept.
			34,000 sec. ft.	
		Horse-power.	Horse-Power.	
Dend Charge.....	15	6808	46280	
Red Rock.....	15	6808	46280	
Grand Rapids.....	80	36305	246877	

TABLE No. 72.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Saskatchewan River, at Le Pas, Man., 1912 and 1913.

TABLE No. 72.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Feet per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
1912.							
Oct. 21-22...	W. G. Worden	1196	914	18093	2.11	.....	38123
Dec. 14...	G. J. Lamb	1197	834	12848	0.68	.....	18772
1913.							
Feb. 8-9...	A. Pirie	1469	771	9563	0.53	.....	5105
April 9...	"	1186	775	10548	0.72	.....	7562
May 31...	E. Bankson.	1469	761	14233	3.10	9.46	45182
June 4...	G. Ebner.	1186	750	13331	3.31	9.37	44124
" 10...	"	1186	750	13899	3.38	9.79	46979
" 12...	"	1186	760	14041	3.51	10.14	49285
" 14...	"	1186	739	14197	3.63	10.35	51534
July 10...	"	1196	758	15446	3.69	11.98	56948
" 12...	"	1196	760	15547	3.58	12.15	57743
" 15...	"	1196	756	15848	3.79	12.37	60114
" 18...	"	1196	756	16000	3.93	12.58	62883
" 21...	"	1196	780	16066	3.98	12.76	63970
" 23...	"	1196	673	16107	3.86	12.80	62120
" 25...	"	1196	756	16300	3.93	12.91	64199
" 28...	"	1196	750	16342	3.91	12.96	63869
" 30...	"	1196	756	16332	3.85	12.94	63925
Aug. 1...	"	1196	756	16311	3.82	12.85	62885
" 4...	"	1196	756	16146	3.84	12.65	62929
" 6...	"	1196	756	16043	3.75	12.50	60357
" 29...	W. J. Ireland.	1469	774	15229	3.62	11.41	55101
Sept. 20...	"	1469	729	13422	3.03	8.98	40707
Oct. 9...	C. O. Allen.	1435	648	11040	2.59	6.07	27532
" 23...	"	1435	648	11171	2.15	6.35	224025
Nov. 18...	A. Pirie.	1496	830	12938	0.92	3.70	11890

1. Ice measurement.

2. Ice running in river.

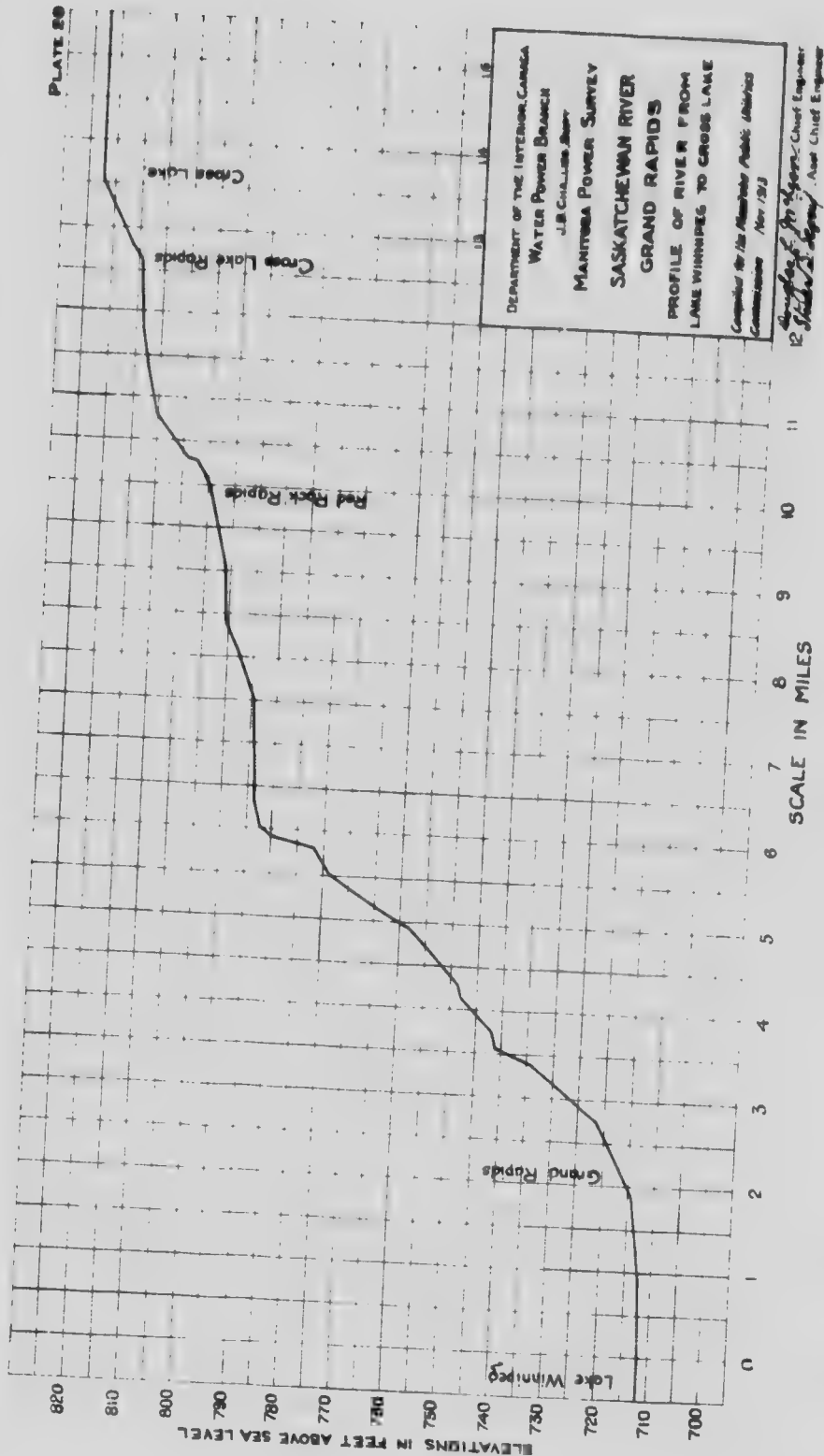


TABLE No. 73.
DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Saskatchewan River, at Le Pas, Man., for 1913.
(Drainage area, 149,500 Square Miles.)

Day	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge	Gauge Height	Discharge
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
1	12.30	60,000	9.45	44,985	11.50	55,850	12.85	63,065	11.35	55,055				
2	22	60,000	40	44,720	50	55,850	80	62,740	24	54,472				
3	30	60,000	30	44,190	60	55,850	70	62,210	16	53,730				
4	20	59,500	40	44,720	70	56,910	65	61,915	11	53,200				
5	24	59,772	35	44,455	80	57,440	60	61,680	10	52,670				
6	12.25	59,825	9.30	44,190	11.80	57,440	12.50	61,190	10.50	52,458				
7	20	59,960	30	44,190	85	57,705	50	61,190	10.85	52,458				
8	40	60,020	50	45,250	85	57,705	50	61,190	80	52,458				
9	60	61,080	60	45,250	85	57,705	50	61,190	70	51,610				
10	80	62,740	80	46,840	90	57,970	40	60,020	50	51,610				
11	11.20	61,260	9.80	46,840	90	57,970	30	60,020	50	51,610				
12	30	54,790	10.00	47,900	12.10	58,500	25	59,825	26	49,278				
13	50	55,850	20	48,930	40	60,020	25	59,825	20	48,930				
14	60	56,380	35	49,735	40	60,020	25	59,825	20	48,930				
15	70	56,910	40	50,020	40	60,020	25	59,825	20	48,930				
16	11.50	55,850	10.50	50,020	40	60,020	25	59,825	20	48,930				
17	30	54,790	60	51,080	60	61,680	70	62,210	50	51,610				
18	70	54,790	70	51,080	60	61,680	70	62,210	50	51,610				
19	25	49,225	90	52,670	60	61,680	70	62,210	50	51,610				
20	23	49,119	11.00	53,200	70	62,210	50	51,610	50	51,610				
21	10.30	49,496	11.00	53,200	70	62,210	50	51,610	50	51,610				
22	20	48,960	00	53,200	80	62,740	40	60,020	40	60,020				
23	60	55,850	00	53,200	80	62,740	40	60,020	40	60,020				
24	70	56,380	00	53,200	80	62,740	40	60,020	40	60,020				
25	90	57,970	90	57,970	80	62,740	35	59,825	42	60,162				
26	50	48,930	80	57,440	80	62,740	35	59,825	42	60,162				
27	9.55	48,250	70	56,910	80	62,740	35	59,825	42	60,162				
28	9.55	48,250	70	56,910	80	62,740	35	59,825	42	60,162				
29	40	45,250	50	50,020	90	63,270	40	60,020	40	60,020				
30	50	46,840	50	50,020	95	63,835	30	58,500	50	51,610				
31	50	46,840	50	50,020	95	63,835	30	58,500	50	51,610				

TABLE No. 74.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Saskatchewan River, at Grand Rapids, Man., 1909.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Sec. ft.
Oct. 21.	F. A. Forward.	876	5711	4.84	24669

NOTE.—Above rapids. No wind. Surface floats. Mean of five good observations. Mean time for course—227.4 sec. Surface rate of flow—4.84 ft./sec. Rate of flow—89.7 cfs. on a rough contoured rock bottom. H. W. level six feet above present level. Area of section—5,714 sq. ft. Probable rate of flow—6 ft./sec. The maximum discharge—66,684 sec. ft.

TABLE No. 75.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Saskatchewan River, at Grand Rapids, Man., 1911.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of Section.	Mean Velocity.	Gauge Height.	Discharge.
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec. ft.
July 1.	Wm. Ogilvie		1018	13341	2.65	786.22	35322
Oct. 1.	Wm. Ogilvie						24435

NOTE. Taken on section late used by W. P. S. Approximative elevation of gauge—786.22.

TABLE No. 76.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Saskatchewan River, at Grand Rapids, Man., 1912.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
Aug. 8.	E. B. Patterson	285	1,055	15,051	3.47	788.18	52,262
Sept. 18.	E. B. Patterson	3	1,056	15,863	4.01	788.96	63,570
25.	E. B. Patterson	3	1,058	15,957	3.98	789.06	63,510

TABLE No. 77.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS of Saskatchewan River, at Grand Rapids, Man., 1913.

Date	Hydrographer	Meter No.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gauge height.	Discharge
			Feet.	Sq. ft.	Ft. per sec.	Feet.	Sq. ft.
Aug 27	A. Pirie	1,496	1,054	13,422	3.71	788.31	37,206
29	A. Pirie	1,497	1,054	13,485	3.57	788.38	35,296
30	A. Pirie	1,497	1,054	13,427	3.55	788.29	34,178
Sept 10	A. Pirie	1,496	1,016	11,872	1.66	786.01	19,727
11	A. Pirie	1,496	1,012	11,903	1.71	785.97	20,546

TABLE No. 78.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Saskatchewan River, near Head of Grand Rapids, for 1912.

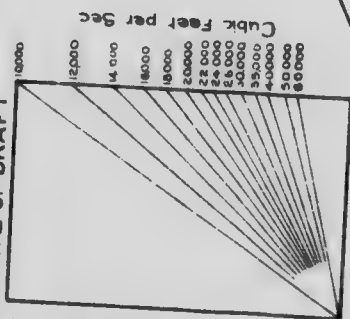
Day.	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.	Gauge height.	Discharge.
	Feet.	Sq. ft.	Feet.	Sq. ft.	Feet.	Sq. ft.	Feet.	Sq. ft.
1			788.79	62,000				
2			84	62,750		65,000		38,750
3	787.88	48,500	80	62,000		65,000		38,750
4		49,000	74	61,250		65,000		38,750
5	787.93	49,250	77	61,250		65,000	787.23	38,750
6	788.00	50,000	788.89	63,500		65,000		38,750
7	04	50,750	789.11	66,500	789.02	65,000		37,250
8	13	52,250		66,250		65,000		37,250
9	21	53,000		66,000		66,500		37,250
10		51,500	789.06	65,750		68,000		34,250
11		50,000	788.99	65,000		69,500		32,750
12		48,500	89	65,000		71,000		31,250
13		47,000	789.07	65,750		72,500	786.67	29,750
14	787.82	47,000	788.96	64,250		74,000		29,000
15		47,000	98	65,000	789.60	74,000		28,250
16		47,000	788.99	65,000		74,000		27,500
17		47,750	94	64,250		74,000		26,750
18		47,750	96	64,250		74,000		26,000
19	787.83	47,750	98	65,060		72,500	786.28	25,250
20		47,750	789.01	65,000		72,500		24,500
21		47,000	788.99	65,000	789.50	72,500		24,500
22	787.79	47,000	789.01	65,000		72,500		24,500
23		50,750	10	66,500		67,250		23,750
24		54,500	06	66,500		62,000		23,750
25		57,500	788.96	65,750		50,750		23,000
26	788.74	61,250		64,250		51,500	786.22	23,000
27		61,250		64,250		46,250		23,000
28		61,250		64,250		11,000		
29		61,250		64,250	787.79	39,500		
30		62,000		64,250		39,500		
31		62,000		64,250		39,500		

TABLE No. 79.

DAILY GAUGE HEIGHT AND DISCHARGE, Saskatchewan River, near Head of Grand Rapids, Man., for 1913.

Aug.	JULY.			AUGUST.			SEPTEMBER.			OCTOBER.			NOVEMBER.		
	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.	Dis. charge.	Gauge Height.
	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.	Sec. ft.	Feet.
1				46,500		54,500		53,000		39,500		39,500		24,500	
2				46,500		54,500		53,000		39,500		39,500		23,500	
3			787.80	46,500		54,500		52,550		39,500		39,500		23,500	
4				47,500		54,500	788.20	52,100		38,600		38,600		22,700	
5				47,500		54,500		51,650		38,150		38,150		22,100	
6				47,500		54,500		51,200		37,700		37,700		21,500	
7				47,500		54,500		50,750		37,250		37,250		21,000	
8			787.80	48,500		54,500		50,300		36,800		36,800		20,500	
9				48,500		56,000		49,850		36,350		36,350		20,000	
10			787.69	48,500		56,000		49,400		35,900		35,900		19,500	
11				48,500		56,000		48,950		35,450		35,450		19,000	
12				47,000		56,000	788.39	48,500		35,000		35,000		18,500	
13				47,000		56,000		48,050		34,550		34,550		18,000	
14				47,000		56,000		47,600		34,100		34,100		17,500	
15			787.79	48,000		54,500		47,150		33,650		33,650		17,000	
16				48,000		54,500		46,700		33,200		33,200		16,500	
17			787.69	48,000		54,500		46,250		32,750		32,750		16,000	
18				48,000		54,500		45,800		32,300		32,300		15,500	
19	786.90	35,000		45,500		54,500		45,350		31,850		31,850		15,000	
20		37,250		45,500		55,250		44,900		31,400		31,400		14,500	
21		39,500		45,500		55,250		44,450		30,950		30,950		14,000	
22		41,750		45,500		56,000		44,000		30,500		30,500		13,500	
23		44,000		45,500		56,000		43,550		29,900		29,900		13,000	
24		46,250		45,500		56,000		43,100		29,500		29,500		12,500	
25		48,500		45,500		56,750		42,650		29,000		29,000		12,000	
26	787.99	50,000		45,500		56,750	788.45	42,200		28,500		28,500		11,500	
27		50,000		45,500		56,750	788.33	41,750		28,000		28,000		11,000	
28		50,000		45,500		56,750		41,300		27,500		27,500		10,500	
29		50,000		45,500		56,000		40,850		27,000		27,000		10,000	
30		48,500		45,500		56,000	788.33	40,400		26,500		26,500		9,500	
31		48,500		45,500		56,000	788.31	40,000		26,000		26,000		9,000	

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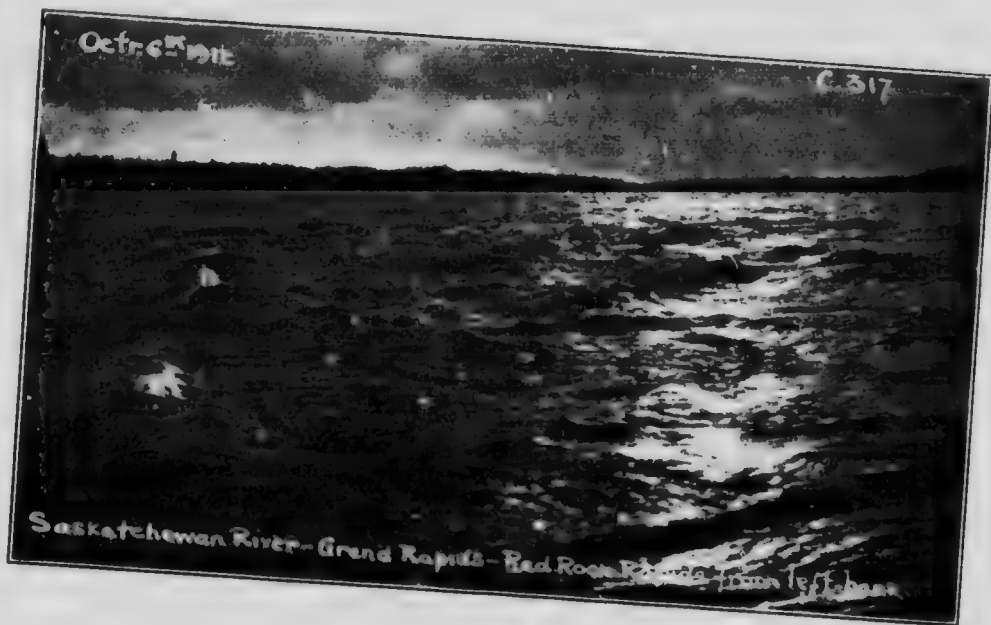


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Saskatchewan River. View from Boat in Grand Rapids

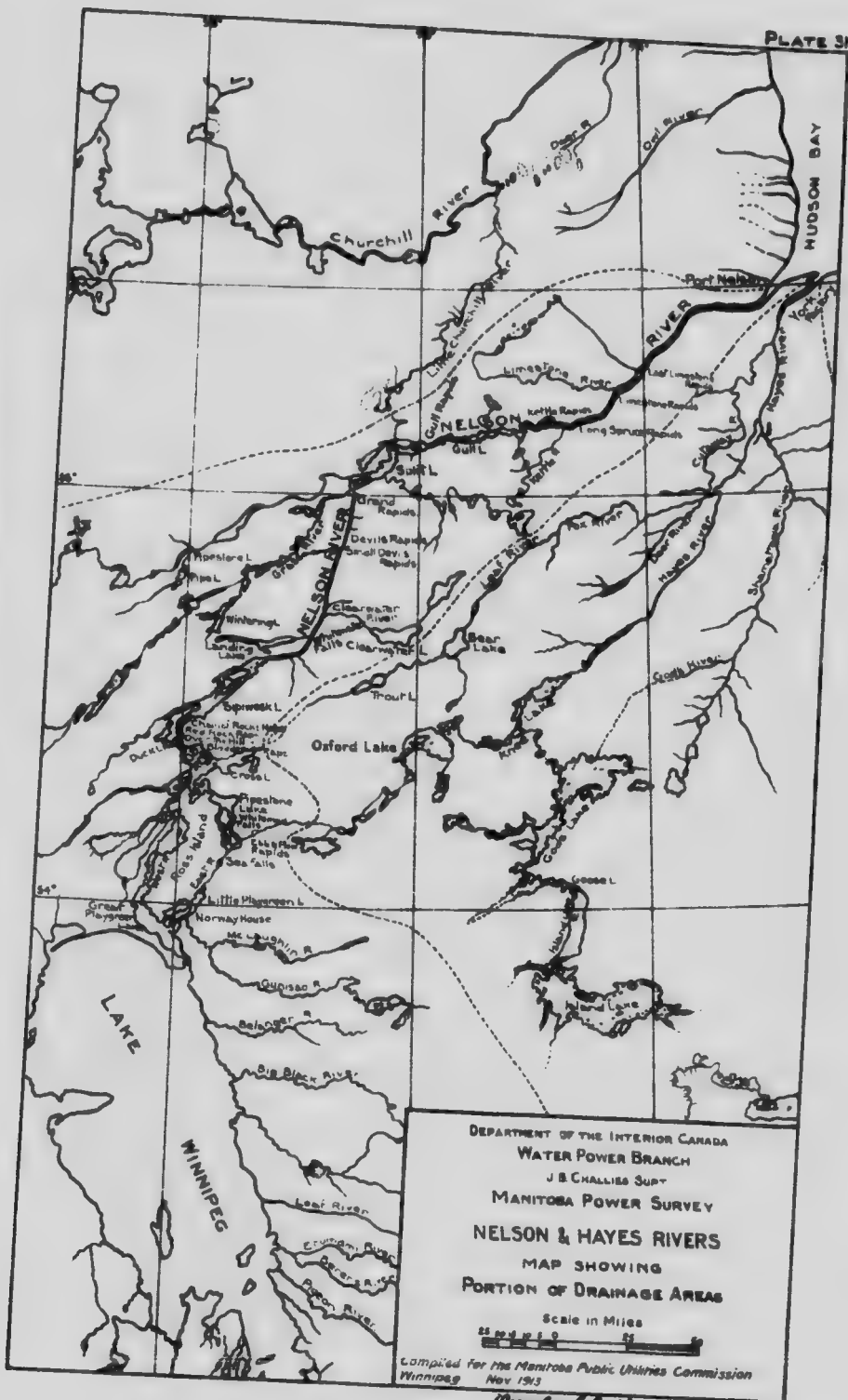


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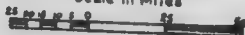
CHAPTER VIII

RIVERS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF MANITOBA



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 MAP SHOWING
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CHAPTER VIII

RIVERS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF MANITOBA

NELSON RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Nelson river (*see* plate No. 31) flows through the central portion of northern Manitoba. Heading in the northerly end of lake Winnipeg, the river flows in a general northeasterly direction, discharging into the southwest corner of Hudson bay.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The Nelson river, being the outlet of lake Winnipeg, discharges the waters collected by this lake from an immense drainage area. It is one of the first or main drainage systems of the northern continent, having a tributary area of some 450,000 square miles. This vast area extends from the height of land slightly west of lake Superior to the Rocky mountains. To the north, the basin is bounded by the Athabaska and Churchill rivers, while the southern drainage extends down into the Northern States. Rivers tributary to lake Winnipeg and having immense areas of tributary drainage in themselves, comprise such systems as the Winnipeg, Red, Dauphin and Saskatchewan rivers. Numerous smaller rivers, including the Berens, Pigeon, Manigotagan and Brokenhead also contribute to the flow from lake Winnipeg.

Practically a complete range of physical characteristics or conditions is found throughout the basin, comprising as it does the drainage from the eastern slopes of the Rocky mountains and ranging from this to the prairie section of Western Canada, and again farther eastward to the rocky and hummocky country of the Laurentian Plateau. Similarly, there is a vast difference in the nature of the vegetation and forest growth.

The drainage directly tributary to the Nelson is small in extent as compared to that tributary to lake Winnipeg, but it includes the following rivers: Burntwood, Limestone, Kettle and several smaller streams.

Due to the tremendous expanse of lake Winnipeg and of its tributary systems of great lakes, comprising lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis, practically a natural regulation of the flow of the Nelson river results, and the range between flood and minimum discharge cannot be high. In this respect, the Nelson river is similar to the St. Lawrence, in that the flow of the latter has a natural regulation through the action of the Great lakes.

C.—GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIVER.

The length of the river from lake Winnipeg to Hudson bay, as determined by a survey made by H. J. Klotz, is 430 miles. In this distance a drop of some 700 feet occurs. In the upper reaches, the river could more properly be described as a chain of lakes connected by falls or by reaches of river and rapids. In this upper portion of the river extending approximately, to Split lake, some 250 miles from lake Winnipeg, the banks are in general higher than found on the lower portion. Although

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the river, as stated, expands in this upper section into many lakes of practically ponded or of slow-running water, yet the falls are more sharply defined and usually of steeper descent than found in the lower reaches, and at the same time are often separated by islands into numerous narrow channels. Not only are the banks lower as lake Winnipeg is approached, but the distance between them becomes greater. The descent, also, is not so abrupt, being more often a series of rapids or swift running water. These latter characteristics gradually become more accentuated as Hudson bay is approached.

Expanding into Playgreen lake a short distance below lake Winnipeg, the river flows from the former lake through two main branches separated by Ross island, and known as the East and West rivers. The East river, on which occurs Sea River falls, is narrowed at many points by islands, although later it expands into Pipestone lake. The West river is wider and is navigable by steamboat to Whisky Jack portage, which is in the vicinity of the junction of the two branches at Cross lake. From this lake to Sepewesk lake, the river at first flows between islands and drops through the Ebb and Flow rapids, followed by the Whitemud falls. The Bladder rapids follow, in which the river flows in one narrow channel. Below this rapids, the river again divides into two main channels before lake Sepewesk is reached. On the eastern channel, three rapids are met with; Over the Hill, Red Rock and Chain of Rock rapids. Below Sepewesk lake to the Manitou or Devils rapids, the river is more contracted and retains this feature until it reaches Split lake. In the reaches above this lake is Grand rapids, followed very closely by Chain of Islands rapids. Birthday or Overfall rapids follows in the stretch of river to Gull lake. Below this latter lake, the river expands and is divided by islands with the formation of Gull, Kettle and Long Spruce rapids. From Long Spruce rapids to Hudson bay, in which stretch the Limestone rapids occurs, the river is generally wider and freer of islands.

D.—NATURE OF BANKS.

Throughout the extent of the river, rock outcrops are stated to occur at practically all rapids. The soil overlying the rock is principally clay, with some deposits of gravel and boulders. The banks at the location of rapids range in height from some 10 to 70 feet in the upper portion of the river, but become generally lower as the mouth of the river is approached.

E.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

A scattered growth of timber, including spruce, birch and poplar occurs along the river. The clay soil overlying the rock formation is stated to be very fertile, and root crops are grown at Norway House, Cross lake and Split lake. Wheat is also stated to have been grown at the two former places.

F.—HIGH AND LOW WATER.

High water is stated to take place during mid-summer, while the period of low water is usually in the late winter months. It is also stated that the extreme range between these two periods is never more than six feet.

G.—TRANSPORTATION.

Steamboats at present navigate the Nelson river from lake Winnipeg to Whisky Jack portage, but below this point navigation is only possible in certain portions of the river. The river is not crossed at any point by railroad, but at several points is in the vicinity of the new Hudson Bay railway.

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II.—SURVEYS OF THE RIVER.

Numerous surveys of the river have been made for various purposes. In the year 1878, Dr. Robert Bell made a geological survey from lake Winnipeg to the mouth of the river. A similar survey was made in the year 1902 by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell of the Geological Survey. In the interests of navigation, a reconnaissance survey was made by the Department of Public Works of Canada in the fall of 1909. From the report on this work, considerable data, including a profile of the river, has been obtained for the present report. Surveys carried on by the Water Power Branch of the Department of the Interior, include a reconnaissance of the power possibilities of the upper portion of the river, by the late William Ogilvie in the year 1910, and also discharge measurements of the East and West rivers during the season of 1913.

I.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Rainfall.*—As no rainfall records are available for the greater portion of the drainage area, it would be impossible to estimate what the mean for the whole area would be. The following table gives the mean annual rainfall for certain stations lying within the basin. It will be noted that there is a wide range in the precipitation.

Station	Period of Record		Term in Years	Precipitation in Inches
	From	To		
Winnipeg, Man.				
Kenora, Ont.	1873	1912		
Channel Island (Lake Winnipeg)	1896	1912	16	21.6
Norway House, Man.	1890	1903	13	22.4
Moorhead, Minn.	1896	1904	8	17.1
Prince Albert, Sask.	1881	1908	27	18.9
Edmonton, Alta.	1903	1912	9	24.9
Calgary, Alta.	1883	1912	29	17.1
McLeod, Alta.	1886	1909	23	16.4
Beaufort, Alta.	1896	1912	15	18.6
	1897	1912	15	13.6
			19	20.3

(b) *Discharge Measurements.*—Some few miscellaneous discharge measurements have been made on the Nelson river, though none of these measurements, however, apparently determine the low flow of the river. Discharge measurements made by Mr. William Ogilvie in the latter part of August, 1910, in the vicinity of Whitemud falls, indicate a discharge of 109,364 second-feet. Mr. Miles, of the Department of Public Works, obtained a discharge measurement at the outlet of Sepewesk lake on October 6, 1909, at what was stated to be a very low stage of the river, this resulting in a flow of 118,369 second-feet. In September, 1913, measurement of the flow of the East and West rivers were made by Alexander Pirie of the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey. On September 16, 1913, the total flow of the East river below Sea River falls was 19,762 second-feet. On September 25, the flow on the West river in the vicinity of Whisky Jack portage was 46,549 second-feet. At the time of metering the West river a storm from the northwest lowered the level of lake Winnipeg at its northerly end which undoubtedly greatly decreased the flow.

J.—STORAGE POSSIBILITIES.

As stated previously, any extreme variation in the flow of the Nelson river is hardly possible, due to the immense expanse of lake area at the head of the river. The vast area of lake Winnipeg offers unexcelled facilities for a storage which should

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completely regulate the flow of the river. The lake comprises an area of 9,114 square miles, and in extent ranks fifth in superficial area of the lakes of North America; it is over 2,800 square miles larger than lake Ontario and slightly less than lake Erie. The following table gives an estimate of the flow which a storage of only 2 feet would render available for periods of either 3 months, 6 months or a year:

Depth of Storage	Storage in Billion of Cu. Ft.	Rate of Draft in second feet		
		Period 3 Months	Period 6 Months	Period 1 Year
1 foot.	262.30	33.20	16.60	8315
2 "	524.60	66.50	33.20	16630

K.—WATER-POWER.

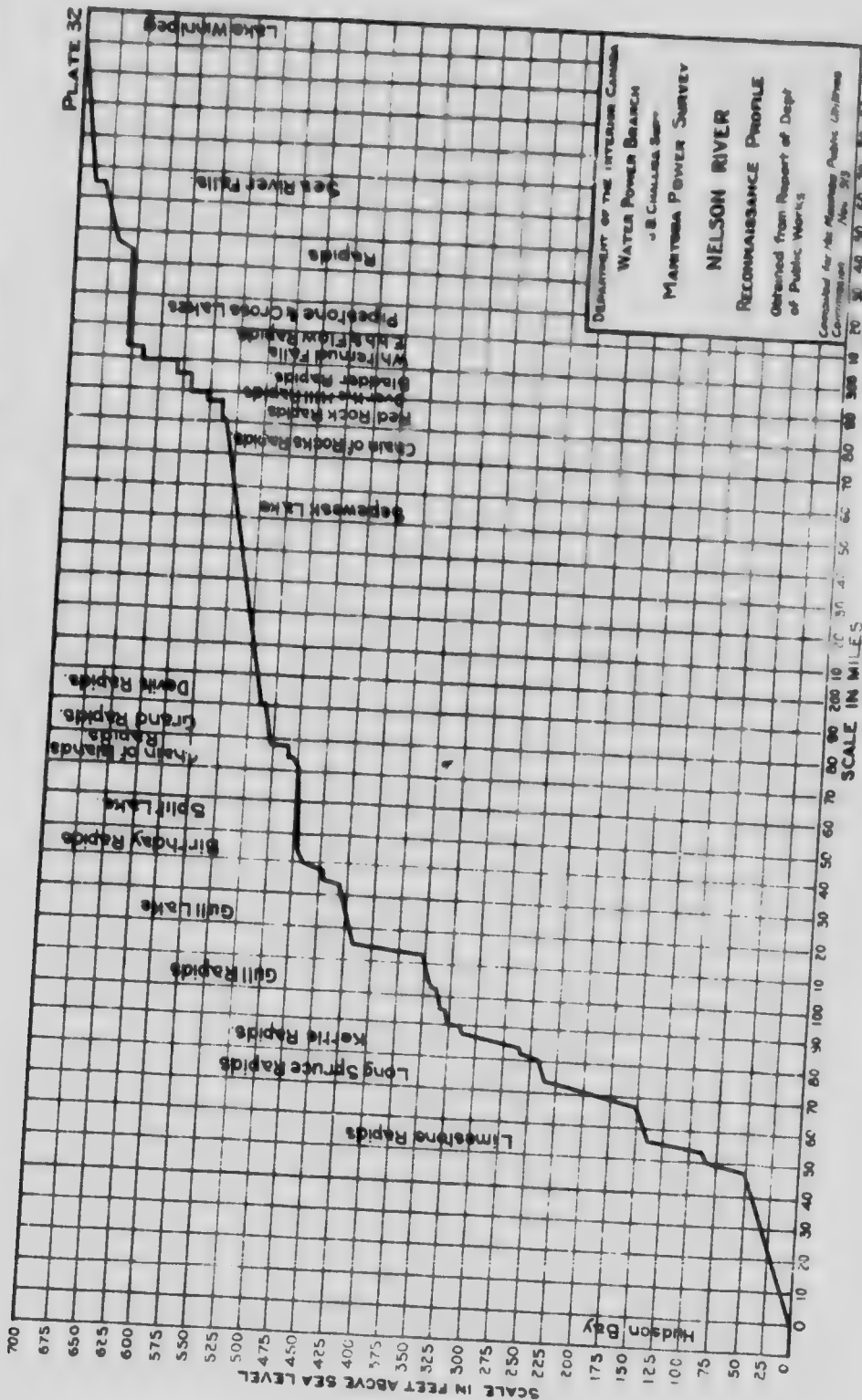
The following table gives an estimate of power available on the Nelson river at various points of concentration (*see* plate No. 32). As no detailed investigation of the river's power possibilities has as yet been made, the head available is subject to revision. The estimate has been based on a minimum flow of 50,000 second-feet, computed for an efficiency of 80 per cent. The estimate of minimum flow is also subject to verification or revision as future records of the Manitoba Hydrographic Survey will show. No estimate has been made for the additional power available through regulated flow from lake Winnipeg:—

Possible Power Site.	Heads.	Estimated Horse-power based on minimum flow of 50,000 second feet at 80 per cent efficiency.
	Feet.	Horse-power.
Whisky Jack portage.....	40	181,150
Ebb and Flow rapids.....	17	77,150
White Mud rapids.....	30	135,860
Bladder ".....	20	90,575
Chain of Rocks rapids.....	35	158,540
Devils rapids.....	25	113,220
Grand rapids.....	27	122,530
Birthday rapids.....	36	163,375
First Gull rapids.....	17	77,150
Second " rapids.....	21	95,165
Third " rapids.....	20	90,575
Fourth " rapids.....	30	135,860
First Kettle rapids.....	17	77,150
Second " rapids.....	21.5	97,370
Third " rapids.....	40	181,150
Upper Long Spruce rapids.....	40	181,150
Lower Long Spruce rapids.....	52	235,495
Upper Limestone rapids.....	33	149,150
Lower Limestone rapids.....	41	185,680
Total.....		2,518,505

HAYES RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Hayes river (*see* plate No. 31) is situated in the central portion of northern Manitoba. Rising slightly to the east of the northerly end of lake Winnipeg, the river flows in a northerly direction, discharging into Hudson bay.



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B.—RIVER BASIN.

The Hayes river drains a basin 36,250 square miles in extent, which lies between the drainage of the Nelson and Severn rivers. The first fifteen miles of the lower portion of the river could more properly be called an inlet of Hudson bay, as very little drop is stated to take place in this distance. Some 6 miles above this inlet, the junction of the Nelson and Cutaway rivers occurs, while some 35 miles further upstream there enters a tributary, known as the Shamattawa river, which in extent is practically of the same size as the Hayes. The Shamattawa river could more properly be stated to comprise in its source the head-waters of the drainage. While the Shamattawa carries the drainage from the country east of the Hayes river, the Fox river, entering some 40 miles above, drains the western portion of the area. Between these two rivers lies the Hayes river itself, which discharges several large lakes lying in the vicinity of the northern end of lake Winnipeg. The basin is dotted with many lakes varying in size from small ponds to lakes of large extent, such as Oxford lake, Gods lake and Island lake. The upper portion of the watershed in which these lakes are located is stated to be broken and hilly with the occurrence of many rock outcrops.

C.—GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIVER AND BASIN.

From the outlet to the mouth of the Fox river, the Hayes is comparatively wide, with shallow water, and for the most part low banks, although the latter increase in height at some few places. In the reach of the river extending some 35 miles above Fox river the banks become gradually higher, and the river has a uniform width of about 250 feet. It is stated that four rapids of gradual descent are located in this stretch of river. Many rapids with a fall of from 3 to 6 feet each occur above this, in that portion of the river below Knee lake. Above Knee lake the Hayes river consists of a chain of lakes connected by short stretches of very swift water, often broken by rapids or falls.

D.—TIMBER AND VEGETATION.

Along the main river the land is stated to be of good clay soil, with a varied growth of poplar and spruce, while at Oxford House, in the vicinity of Oxford lake, excellent cereal and root crops are grown.

E.—SETTLEMENTS.

There are two small settlements in the drainage basin, one being at York Factory, situated at the mouth of the river, while the other is at Oxford House on the north-east shore of Oxford lake.

F.—RUN-OFF.

(a) *Precipitation*.—No records of precipitation are available for the drainage area, but it is estimated that there is a mean annual precipitation of some 19 inches, this latter being based on an eight-year record at Norway House, which is situated at the northerly end of lake Winnipeg.

(b) *Discharge Measurements*.—No discharge measurements of the total flow of this river have as yet been made. Assuming the mean annual run-off of 0.3 second-feet per square mile for a drainage area of 36,250 square miles would give a mean annual discharge of 10,875 second-feet. No estimate is made as to the minimum flow of this river, but considering the great extent of lake area lying within the basin, the range between flood and minimum flow should not be great.

G.—WATER-POWER.

While no detailed investigations have as yet been made of the power available on this river, yet it is stated that at many points in the river there is a possibility of power concentrations. The elevation of Island lake lying at the head-waters of the Shamattawa river is stated to be 900 feet above sea-level, which would indicate a drop of this extent occurring between the head-waters and the mouth. In the reaches of the river above the junction of the Fox and extending to the upper lakes, the average descent is stated to be over 8 feet per mile, and it is in this section of the river that the banks are of sufficient height to permit of power concentration at many points.

CHURCHILL RIVER.

A.—LOCATION.

The Churchill river (*see* plate No. 33) flows in an easterly direction across the western provinces until the Manitoba boundary is reached. At this point the river bends to the north and the course through Manitoba is in this latter direction to the mouth of the river on the southwestern shore of Hudson bay.

B.—RIVER BASIN.

The basin drained by the Churchill is 114,150 square miles in extent. It lies to the north of the Saskatchewan drainage and heads in the vicinity of the Athabaska river. In the lower reaches in the vicinity of Hudson bay the river is situated to the north of the Nelson river and roughly parallels the course of the latter. The general nature of the basin is altogether the opposite of that found in the lower region drained by the Saskatchewan. Innumerable lakes of varying size occur throughout the whole basin, and a great portion of the river itself could more properly be described as a chain of lakes joined by short stretches of river, or in some cases only by a fall from one lake to another. Due to the occurrence of these many lakes and the angles at which the flow passes through them, the river presents a very irregular appearance. Of the main streams tributary to the Churchill, those entering from the north comprise the Reindeer river, which heads in Reindeer lake, and which is practically the largest lake throughout the basin, and, in itself, has considerable tributary drainage comprising many smaller lakes. Above the junction of this river there enters the Trout, Foster, Haultain and Mudjatik rivers together with many smaller streams. The Churchill itself heads in Ile à la Crosse lake, tributary to which and lying to the north are Buffalo and Cedar lakes, into the former of which lake la Loche is drained by la Loche river. A second tributary entering the southerly end of Ile à la Crosse heads in several small lakes which constitute the extreme head-waters of the drainage and are situated in the vicinity of Lac la Biche in the province of Alberta. The main tributaries entering the Churchill from the south and below the Beaver river, are the Sandy, Montreal, Burntwood and Little Churchill rivers. Practically all the tributaries to the Churchill either discharge from or through numerous lakes of varying size, and throughout the basin many rapids and falls occur.

In the southern portion of the drainage, large areas of good agricultural clay are stated to be overlying the rock formation, but to the north the extent of the rock out-crop increases greatly.

From Fort Churchill, situated at the mouth of the river, for approximately 80 miles upstream the Churchill is stated to be free from formidable rapids, the banks in this stretch being of clay and, at places, both high and steep. Above this to North Indian lake, which is situated about midway in the course of the river through

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 DRAINAGE AREA

Scale in Miles

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Manitoba, the river widens out at two points, into two small lake expanses. Numerous rapids occur in this stretch. Some 30 miles west of North Indian lake the river discharges through South Indian lake with two rapids in the intervening reach. A short distance above the southern lake, the river again widens into Granville lake, followed a short distance upstream by Nelson lake and again by Puklatawagan, Loon and Sissipuk lakes, the latter lake being situated approximately on the Manitoba boundary.

C.—SETTLEMENTS.

No extensive settlements are situated in the vicinity of the river, though there are many trading posts and missions scattered throughout the district.

D.—NAVIGATION AND ACCESSIBILITY.

The Churchill is stated to be navigable only by canoe, due to the many rapids necessitating portages, yet is accessible at the mouth by steamer from Hudson bay. No railroads are situated in the immediate vicinity of the river.

E.—WATER-POWER.

As a power possibility the Churchill river offers a magnificent field for investigation. While no survey of this nature has yet been made of either the portion in Manitoba or in the reaches outside the province, it is known that considerable fall occurs throughout the extent of the river. Reindeer lake, which is drained by Reindeer river, a tributary to the Churchill some 60 miles west of the Manitoba boundary, is at an elevation of 1,150 feet above sea-level, indicating a drop of that extent between the above-mentioned lake and the mouth of the river. Ile à la Crosse in the vicinity of the head-waters is at an elevation of 1,330 feet, while Knece lake, a considerable distance to the eastward, is 1,250 feet above sea-level. Not only is there an indication of considerable fall on the river, but also the numerous and extensive lake areas indicate, not only great natural regulation of the flow, but also the possibilities of further regulation through systems of storage on some of the larger lakes.

No discharge measurements have as yet been made on this river, nor is there anything definite known as to the precipitation. Assuming, however, a mean annual runoff of 0.3 second-feet per square mile, this would give a mean annual discharge of some 34,000 second-feet

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CHAPTER IX.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF
WATER-POWER PRIVILEGES

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MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN, ALBERTA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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CHAPTER IX.

WATER-POWER REGULATIONS UNDER THE DOMINION LANDS ACT.
SEC. 35, S.S. 2.

REGULATIONS made by His Excellency the Governor General in Council in virtue of the provisions of subsection 2 of section 35 of the Dominion Lands Act, 7 S. Edward VII, chapter 20, as amended by section 6 of chapter 27, 4 S. George V, to govern the mode of granting water-power rights in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the Northwest Territories.

Section 35, Dominion Lands Act, Water-power.

35. Lands which are necessary for the protection of any water supply or lands upon which there is any water-power, or which border upon or being close to a water-power will be required or useful for the development and working of such water-power shall not be open to entry for homestead, for purchased homestead, or pre-emption, nor be sold or conveyed in fee by the Crown, but may only be leased under regulations made by the Governor in Council.

(2) Subject to rights which exist or may be created under the Irrigation Act, the Governor in Council may make regulations: (a) for the diversion, taking or use of water for power purposes, and the granting of the rights to divert, take and use water for such purposes, provided that it shall be a condition of the diversion or taking of water that it shall be returned to the channel through which it would have flowed if there had been no such diversion or taking, in such manner as not to lessen the volume of water in the said channel; (b) for the construction on or through Dominion or other lands or sluices, races, dams or other works necessary in connection with such diversion, taking or use of water; (c) for the transmission, distribution, sale and use of power and energy generated therefrom; (d) for the damming of and diversion of any stream, watercourse, lake or other body of water for the purpose of storing water to augment or increase the flow of water for power purposes during dry season; (e) for fixing the fees, charges, rents, royalties or dues to be paid for the use of water for power purposes, and the rates to be charged for power or energy derived therefrom.

(3) Any person who under such regulations is authorized to divert, take or use water for power purposes, or to construct works in connection with the diversion, taking or use of water for such purposes, shall for the purposes of his undertaking have the powers conferred by the Railway Act upon railway companies, including those for the acquisition and taking of the requisite lands, so far as such powers are applicable to the undertaking and are not consistent with the provisions of this Act or the regulations thereunder, or with the authority given to such persons under such regulations. The provisions of the said Railway Act giving such powers being taken for the purposes of this section to refer to the undertaking of such person where in that Act they refer to the railway of the railway company concerned.

(4) All maps, plans and books of reference showing lands prior to Crown land necessary to be acquired by any such person for right of way or other purposes in connection with his undertaking shall be signed and certified by the Dominion Land Surveyor.

(5) Such maps, plans and books of reference shall be prepared by the person and one copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the Minister at Ottawa, and the other shall be registered in the land titles office for the registration district within which the lands affected are situated.

(6) The Minister, or such officer as he designates, shall have sole and final jurisdiction and final judge as to the area of land which may be taken or used, without the consent of the owner for any purpose in connection with the water-power undertaking.

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF WATER-POWER RIGHTS IN THE PROVINCES OF MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA, AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

(Established by Orders in Council dated June 2, 1900, June 8, 1900, April 20, 1910, January 24, 1911, and August 2, 1913.)

1. Under these regulations the word 'works' shall be held to mean and include all sluices, races, dams, weirs, tunnels, pits, slides, flumes, machines fixed to the soil, buildings and other structures for taking, diverting and storing water for power purposes, or for developing water-power and rendering the same available for use.

MODE OF APPLICATION.

2. Every applicant for a license to take and use water for power purposes shall file with the Minister of the Interior a statement in duplicate setting forth:—

- (a) The name, address and occupation of the applicant
- (b) The financial standing of the applicant so far as it relates to his ability to carry out the proposed works.
- (c) The character of the proposed works.
- (d) The name, or if unnamed, a sufficient description of the river, lake or other source from which water is proposed to be taken or diverted.
- (e) The point of diversion.
- (f) The height of the fall or rapid of such river, lake or other source of water at high, medium and low stages, with corresponding discharges of water per second, reckoned approximately in cubic feet.
- (g) A reasonably accurate description, and the area, of the lands required in connection with the proposed works, such lands, if in surveyed territory, to be described by section, township and range, or river or other lot, as the case may be, and a statement whether such lands are or are not Dominion lands.
- (h) If such lands be not Dominion lands, then the applicant shall give the name of the registered owner in fee, and of any registered mortgagee or lessee thereof, and of any claimant in actual possession other than a registered owner, mortgagee or lessee.
- (i) The minimum and maximum amount of water-power which the applicant proposes to develop, and the maximum amount of water which he desires for such purpose.
- (j) Sketch plan showing approximate locations of the proposed works.
- (k) Elevations of head water and tail water of the nearest existing works, if any, below and above the proposed works.
- (l) Particulars as to any water to be taken, diverted or stored to the detriment of the operation of existing works, if any.
- (m) Particulars as to any irrigation ditches or reservoirs, or other works for irrigation within the meaning of the Irrigation Act, in use or in course of construction within the vicinity of the proposed works, and which might affect or be affected by the operation of the proposed works.

APPLICATION BY A COMPANY.

3. If the applicant be an incorporated company, the statement shall, in addition to the foregoing information, set forth:—

- (a) The name of the company.
- (b) The names of the directors and officers of the company, and their places of residence.

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- (c) The head office of the company in Canada.
- (d) The amount subscribed and paid-up capital, and the proposed method of raising further funds, if required, for the construction and operation of the proposed works.
- (e) Copy of such parts of the charter or memorandum of association as authorize the application and proposed works.

APPLICATION BY A MUNICIPALITY.

- 1. If the applicant be a municipality, then, excluding the special information to be given by a company, the following information shall be given:—
 - (a) The location, area and boundaries of the municipality.
 - (b) The approximate number of its inhabitants.
 - (c) The present estimated value of the property owned by such municipality, and the value of the property subject to taxation by such municipality.

MINISTER MAY REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION

- 5. The Minister of the Interior shall have the power to call for such other plans and descriptions, together with such measurements, specifications, levels, profiles, elevations and other information as he may deem necessary, and the same shall be furnished by and at the expense of the applicant.

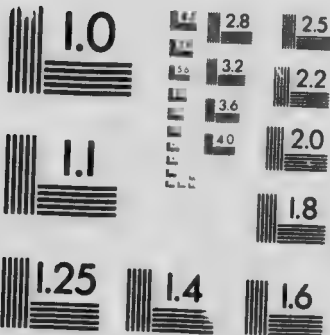
THE AGREEMENT OR A LICENSE.

- 6. Upon receipt and consideration of the application, and information accompanying same, the Minister of the Interior may, if he approve of the proposed works, enter into an agreement with the applicant, which agreement, in addition to usual conditions and covenants, shall contain clauses to provide as follows:—
 - (a) For a time within which the proposed works shall be begun.
 - (b) For a stated minimum amount of expenditure to be made in connection with the works annually during the term of the agreement.
 - (c) For a stated amount of water-power to be developed from the water applied for within a fixed period not exceeding five years.
 - (d) For summary cancellation of the agreement by the Minister if any of the above conditions have not been complied with.
 - (e) For defining and allotting the areas of Dominion lands within which the applicant may construct and operate the proposed works; and if there be no Dominion lands available for such purpose then for defining and allotting the lands in regard to which the applicant may exercise the powers given under section 35, subsection 3 of the Dominion Lands Act.
 - (f) For granting a license to the applicant, upon fulfilment of the said agreement, to take, divert and use for power purposes a stated maximum amount of water, in accordance with the application, and plans and specifications as approved by the Minister; the terms of such license to be twenty-one years at a fixed fee, payable annually, and such license to be renewable as provided for in these regulations.
 - (g) For granting a lease to the applicant of such Dominion lands as may be allotted under paragraph (e) of this section, and approved of by the Minister, such lease to be at a fixed rental for a term of twenty-one years running concurrently with the said license, and renewable in like manner, and as near as may be subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. When there are no Dominion lands available for such purpose, or when other lands are considered by the Minister to be more suitable



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for such purpose, then the Minister shall define such lands in regard to which the applicant may exercise the powers given under section 35, subsection 3, of the Dominion Lands Act.

7. During the construction of any works for the development of water-power, the Minister of the Interior, or any engineer appointed by him for that purpose, shall have free access to all parts of such works for the purpose of inspecting same, and ascertaining if the construction thereof is in accordance with the plans and specifications approved of by the Minister, and whether the terms of the agreement, as provided for in the preceding section, are being fulfilled.

THE LICENSE.

8. Upon fulfilment by the applicant of all conditions of the said agreement, the Minister of the Interior shall grant to the applicant a license as agreed upon; and such license shall contain clauses to provide as follows:—

(a) The term of the license shall be twenty-one years, renewable for three further consecutive terms of twenty-one years each, at a fixed fee payable annually, and to be readjusted at the beginning of each term, as hereunder provided.

(b) At the expiry of each term of twenty-one years the Governor in Council, may, on the recommendation of the Minister, order and direct that the license and any lease granted in connection therewith be cancelled: Provided that the Minister shall have given at least one year's notice to the licensee of intention so to cancel.

(c) If the licensee shall refuse to pay the license fee as readjusted by the Governor in Council, or as fixed by arbitrators chosen as provided in paragraph (e) hereunder, then in such case the Minister may renew the license at the former fee, or the Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, order and direct that the license and any lease issued in connection therewith be cancelled.

(d) In either of the above cases compensation shall be paid to the licensee as provided for in paragraph (e) hereunder.

(e) On termination of the third renewal of such license, except in case of default on the part of the licensee in observance of any of the conditions thereof, or of any license granted in connection therewith, compensation shall be paid for the works to the amount fixed by arbitration, one arbitrator to be appointed by the Governor in Council, the second by the licensee, and the third by the two so appointed. If the licensee fails to appoint an arbitrator within ten days after being notified by the Minister to make such appointment, or if the two arbitrators appointed by the Governor General in Council and the licensee fail to agree upon a third arbitrator within ten days after their appointment or within such further period as may be fixed by the Minister in either such cases such arbitrator or third arbitrator, as the case may be, shall be appointed by the Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada. In fixing the amount of compensation only the value of the actual and tangible works and of any lands held in fee in connection therewith shall be considered, and not the value of the rights and privileges granted, or the revenues, profits or dividends, being, or likely to be, derived therefrom.

(f) The license shall state the maximum amount of water which the licensee may divert, store and use for power purposes, and shall provide for the return to the stream, or other source of water, of the full amount so diverted.

(g) The licensee shall develop such power as, in the opinion of the Minister, there shall be a public demand for, up to the full extent possible from the amount of water granted by the license.

(h) Upon a report being made by the Minister of the Interior to the Governor in Council that the licensee has not developed the amount of power for which there is a public demand, and which could be developed from the amount of water granted by the license, the Governor in Council may order to be developed and rendered avail-

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able for public use the additional amount of power for which there is, in the opinion of the Minister, a public demand, up to the full extent possible from the amount of water granted by the license, and within a period to be fixed by the Minister, which period shall not be less than two years after the licensee or person in charge of the existing works shall have been notified of such order, and in default of compliance with such order the Governor in Council may direct that the license, together with any lease issued under these regulations shall be cancelled, and the works shall thereupon vest and become the property of the Crown without any compensation to the licensee.

(i) Upon a report being made by the Minister of the Interior to the Governor in Council that a greater amount of water-power could be developed advantageously to the public interests from the same stream or other source of water from which the existing works derive power, and (1st) that the existing works could be enlarged or added to for such purpose, then the Governor in Council may authorize the Minister to offer the licensee the privilege of constructing and operating such enlarged or additional works at or in the vicinity of the existing works, and to grant such supplementary license as he may consider proper for such purpose, and if the licensee fail within six months thereafter to accept such offer, and in good faith to begin and carry on to completion such enlarged or additional works, and to complete same in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by the Minister, and within a fixed period not to exceed five years, and upon like conditions as the existing works were begun and completed; or (2nd) if the Minister shall report to the Governor in Council that the existing works, owing to their location or construction, cannot advantageously be enlarged or added to in order to develop further power sufficient to meet the probable demand, or would be a hindrance to other works contemplated for such purpose; or (3rd) that the existing works cannot, or will not, be any longer advantageously operated owing to the exercise of rights existing or created under the Irrigation Act; then in every such case, the Governor in Council may order and direct that the license, and any lease in connection therewith, and all rights thereunder, shall be cancelled, and the existing works shall thereupon vest in and become the property of the Crown: Provided always that in every such case compensation shall be paid to the licensee as provided for in paragraph (c) of section 8 of these regulations, together with a bonus apportioned as follows:—

(1) If the works have been in operation less than five years, a thirty per cent bonus upon the value of the works.

(2) If in operation more than five, and less than ten years, a twenty-five per cent bonus.

(3) If in operation more than ten, and less than fifteen years, a twenty per cent bonus.

(4) If in operation more than fifteen, and less than twenty years, a fifteen per cent bonus.

(5) If in operation twenty years or more, a ten per cent bonus.

(j) That the license shall not be transferable without the written consent of the Minister, and that if the licensee fail to keep and observe all or any of the conditions of the license, or any renewal thereof, or of any lease to be issued in connection therewith, then the license, together with such lease, shall in every such case be subject to cancellation by the Exchequer Court on the application of the Crown.

(k) That a schedule of rates and prices to be charged to the public for the use of power shall first be submitted by the licensee to the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada for adjustment and approval before being put into effect, and that no rates or prices for power shall be legal or enforceable until such schedule has been so adjusted and approved nor if they shall exceed the amount fixed by such schedule; and that such schedule shall be readjusted and approved by the Board every seven years during the term of the lease and license, and all renewals thereof.

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(l) That for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of power actually developed, or capable of being developed, from the amount of water granted by such license, the Minister, or any engineer appointed by him for that purpose, shall have free access to all parts of the works, and to all books, plans or records in connection therewith, bearing on the quantity of power developed, and may make measurements, take observations and do such other things as he may consider necessary or expedient for such purpose, and the findings of the Minister, or such engineer, thereon shall be conclusive and binding upon the licensee.

(m) For the proper provision, as required by law, for the passage of logs and timber down the stream or other waterway affected by the works.

(n) For the erection and maintenance by the licensee of a durable and efficient fishway in the stream or other waterway affected by the works when so required by the proper officer or authority in that behalf.

(o) That the licensee shall have no right to any water beyond the amount stated in the license.

(p) For the indemnifying of the Crown against all actions, claims or demands against it by reason of anything done by the licensee in the exercise, or purported exercise, of the rights and privileges granted under the lease or license.

9. The agreements and licenses to be issued hereunder shall, subject always to the provisions of these regulations, be in such form and contain such provisions as the Minister may from time to time determine.

STORAGE OF WATER.

10. If at any time it is proposed by the applicant or the licensee to divert water from any lake or body of water for storage purposes, or to dam same in order to augment the flow of water in any stream from which water-power is to be developed, the applicant or licensee shall, in addition to other information required under these regulations, file plans as follows:—

(a) A general plan in duplicate, on tracing linen, showing the location of such lake or other body of water, and the lands to be submerged or otherwise affected, and contour lines showing the water level at high and low stages, and the level to which it is proposed to raise such water for storage, and the estimated storage capacity of such lake or other body of water.

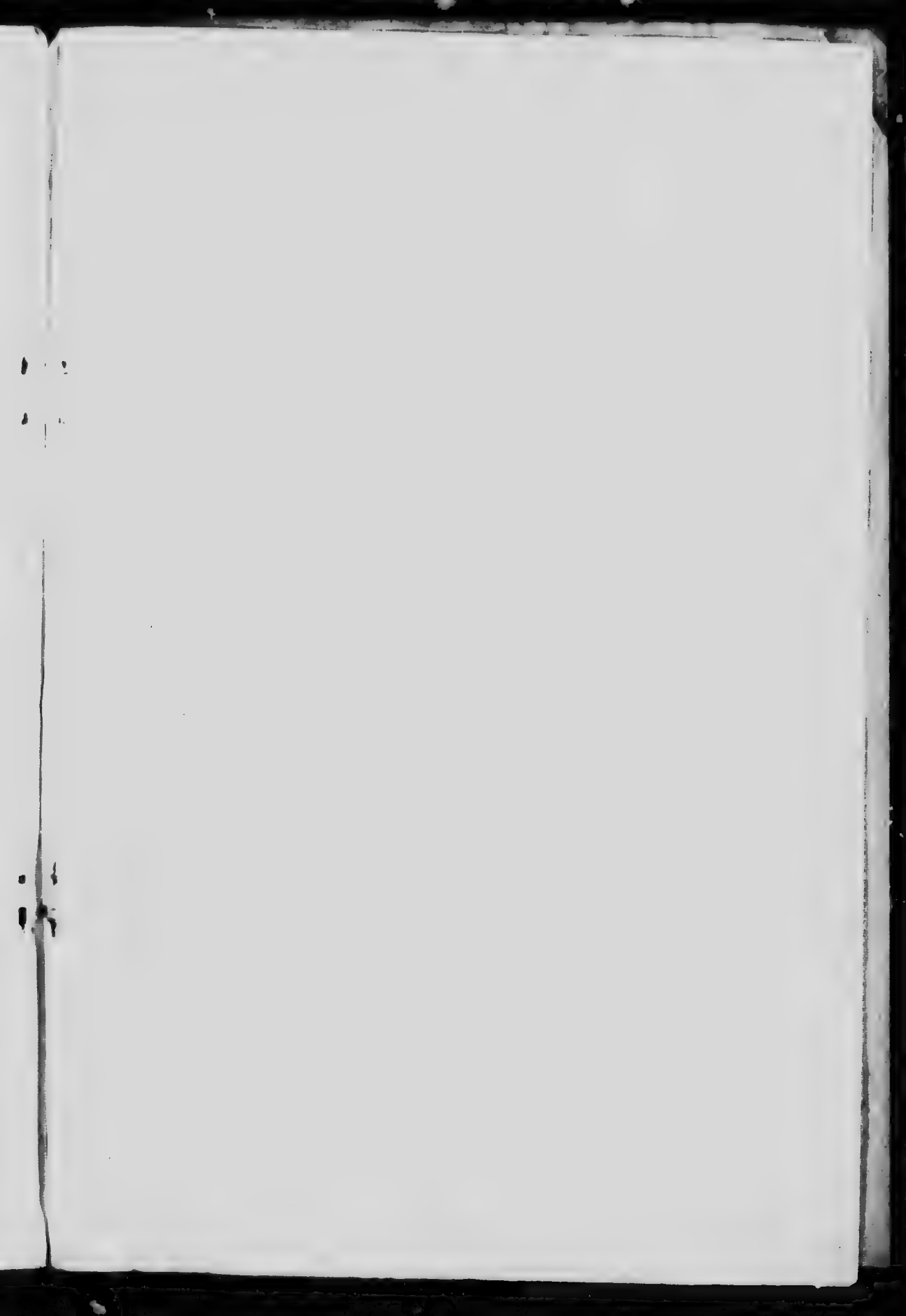
(b) A plan in duplicate, from actual survey, by a Dominion land surveyor, and certified to by him, showing the lands to be submerged or otherwise affected by the proposed storage; the name of the registered owner in fee of such lands, and of any registered mortgagee or lessee thereof, and of any claimant in actual possession other than a registered owner, mortgagee or lessee.

(c) A detail plan in duplicate on tracing linen, showing all dams and other works proposed to be constructed in connection with such storage.

11. When the plans for such storage of water have been approved of by the Minister of the Interior, provision for same shall be made in the agreement for a license, or in the license itself, or in a supplementary license to be issued for such purpose, upon such terms and conditions as may appear to the Minister reasonable or expedient in the circumstances of each case, and subject to these regulations.

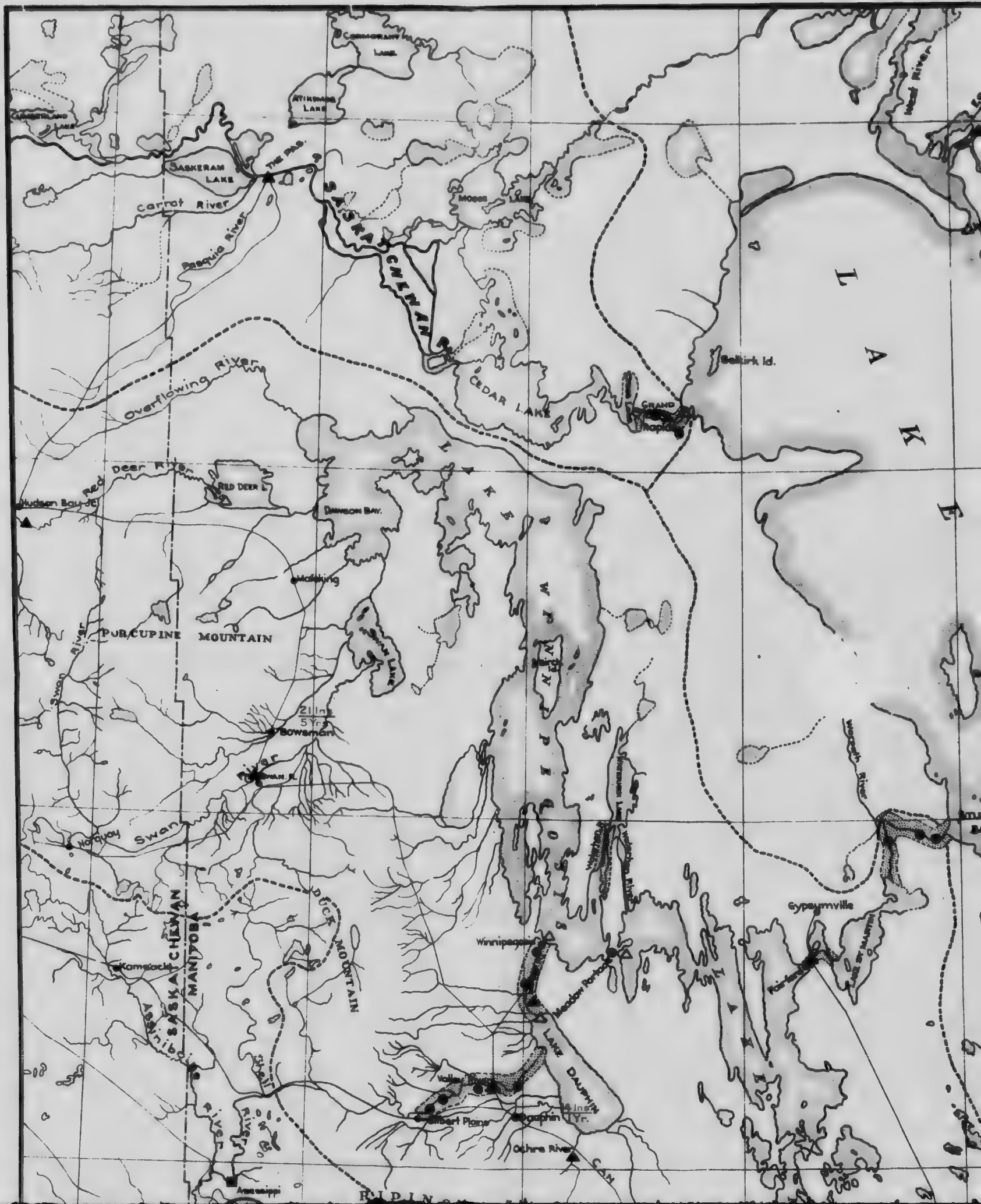
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12. If upon receipt and consideration of the information set out in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, the water-power to be developed is found to have no greater capacity than 200 horse-power at the average low stage of water, the Minister may issue a lease and a license as may be required, authorizing the development of the proposed power; the lease and license to be for a period of ten years, subject to such special terms and conditions as may be considered advisable in each particular case, and renewable if, in the opinion of the Minister, the power has been continuously and beneficially used.









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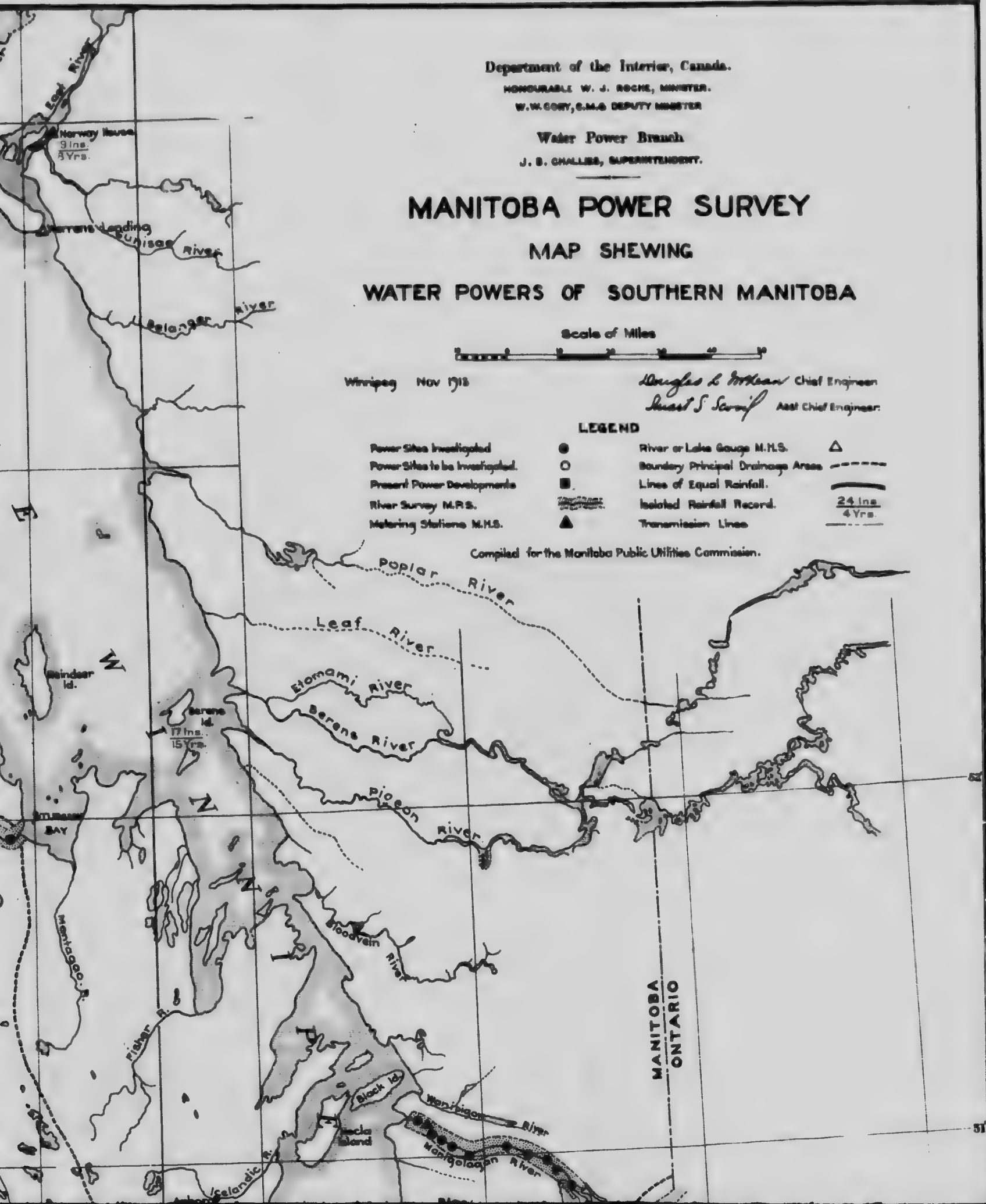
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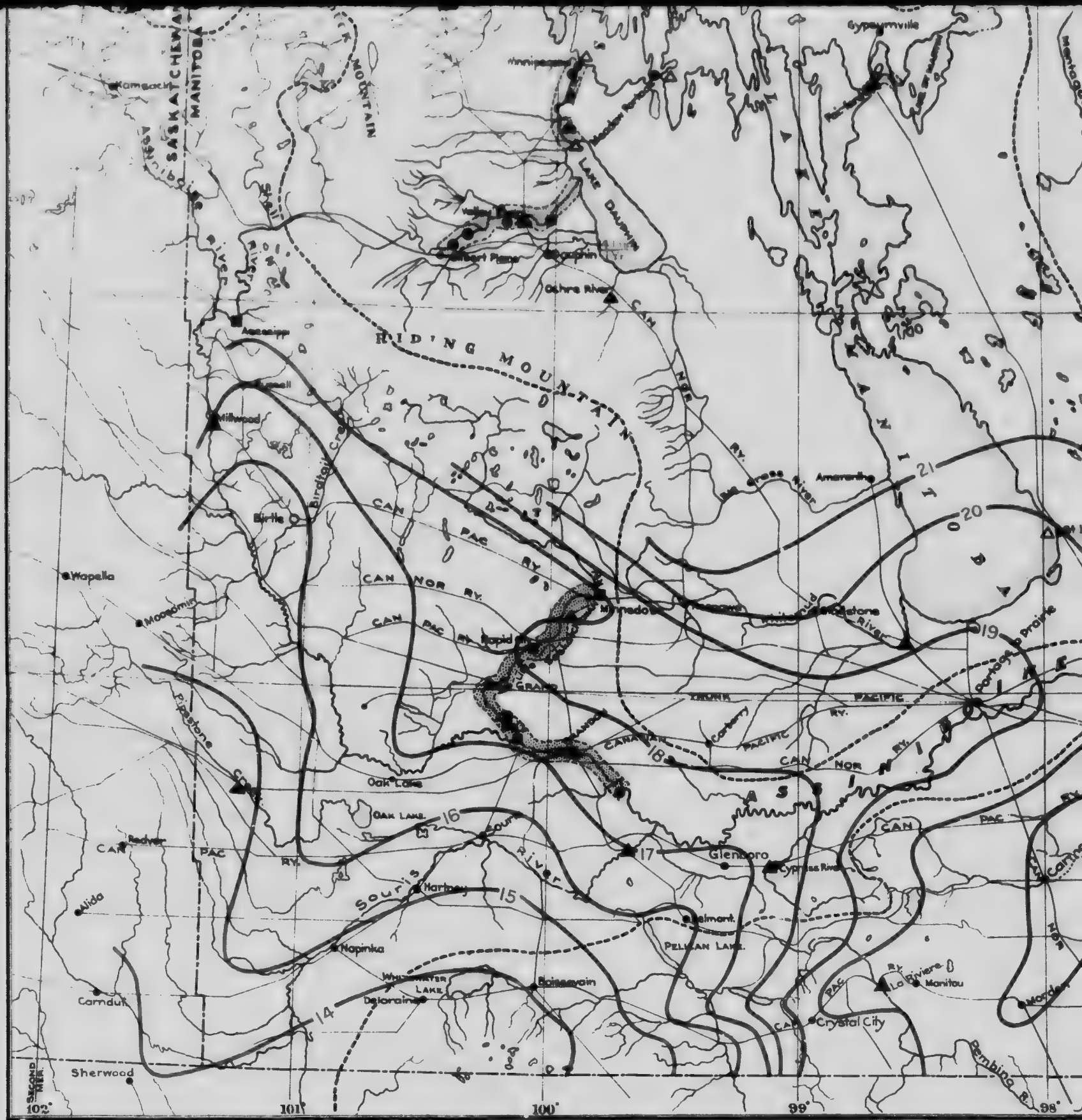
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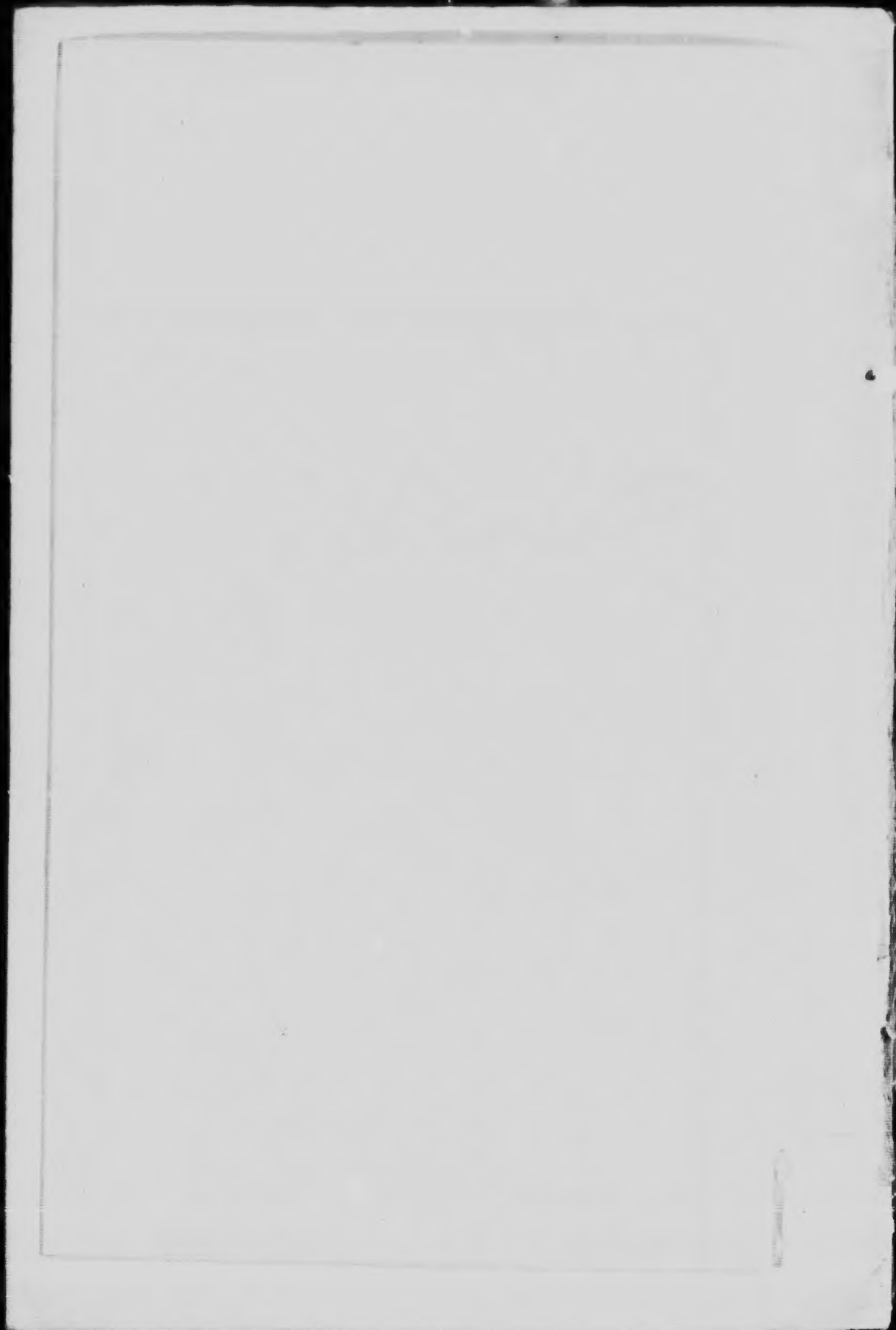
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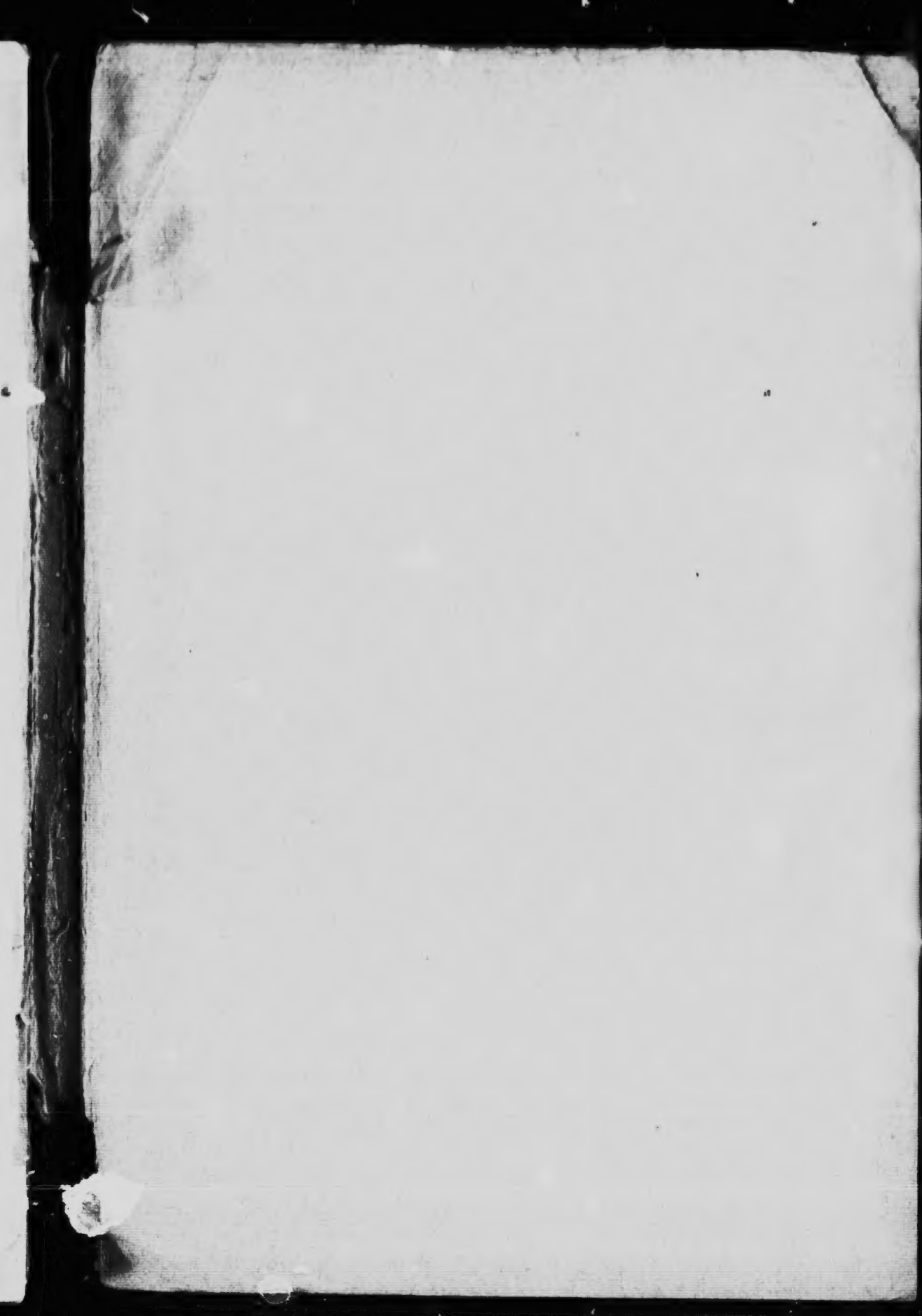


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